



ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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*Shine like lights in the world
as you hold on to the word of life.*

Phil 2:15-16



The Knight's of Columbus in conjunction with the Saint Vincent De Paul Society will be sponsoring a food drive for Thanksgiving. Collection boxes will be in the Narthex beginning Saturday, November 7th until Sunday, November 15th. The following items will be greatly appreciated:

**Canned corn
Canned green beans
Canned mushroom soup
Canned cranberry sauce
Canned pumpkin
Canned apple pie filling
Packets of turkey gravy mix
Stuffing mix
Corn bread mix
Boxes of potato flakes
Pie crust mix
French onion rings**

\$10, \$25 gift cards to WalMart, Redner's or Giant (Drop off in SVDP poor box)

**For more information, contact Carol @ (610)326-0973
or Elaine @ (978) 798-9870**

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Sunday Mass

Saturday evening: 5:00p.m.

(Live and live streamed)

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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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.

A Letter from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

The gospel this weekend touches on a very timely topic, given the fact that we are a few weeks away from an election: taxation. Every couple of years the issue of taxes takes on extra significance, especially with regard to which candidates might raise them or lower them. It's an age-old conversation.

Once again, we find the Pharisees trying to trip Jesus up and entrap him in either blasphemy against God or a crime against the authorities. When posing the question of paying taxes, Jesus instead confuses them and puts their ignorance on display. In asking whose image is on the Roman coin, he is drawing the distinction between what belongs to this world and what belongs to the heavenly kingdom. Neither the Pharisees, nor the disciples themselves, were fully aware of what Jesus was actually talking about.

We have here, not only a teaching from Jesus, but a foreshadowing of his coming passion and death as well. When Jesus later goes to Calvary to be crucified, he was rendering unto Caesar the body that belonged to Caesar by his arrest within the earthly realm, while devoting his soul to God. In his *Confessions*, St. Augustine explains:

"He himself, the only-begotten, was created to be wisdom and justice and holiness for us, and he was counted among us, and he paid the reckoning, the tribute to Caesar."

Jesus has therefore paid off our weighty tax burdens. By his death and resurrection, he has canceled our debts before God the Father. All we need do is produce from our individual treasuries — not coins engraved with earthly images — but hearts and minds engraved with the image of Jesus himself.

May we always strive to render unto God something bearing his Son's image, and may that something be nothing less than our very selves!

Love and prayers,
Father Marty



A Year and a Basket Party Like No Other: STAYcation!

Before 2020 is a distant bad memory, let's make some happy memories too! You won't want to miss the opportunity to win some great raffles! 80+ amazing baskets have already been donated and that number grows daily!

You can still purchase tickets online or drop off your hard copy order form (and check or cash) in an envelope at the church office for the committee. For \$20, you will receive 30 chances to win any of the baskets. For more chances, additional tickets may be purchased in increments of 10 for only \$5.

Beginning Wednesday, October 21st through Sunday, October 25th, all of the baskets will be on display in Quinn Hall for in-person viewing. Check out the parish homepage for the link to sign up for your personal appointment time! Please note that only a limited number of people will be allowed entrance at a time, with masks on and sanitizing will occur between appointments for the safety of all. Baskets will also be available to view online during that same time period so it will be possible to participate solely on a virtual basis if you choose.

On Sunday, 10/25, you can stay right at home to view the STAYcation raffle drawings which will be shown on Facebook Live beginning at 1pm.

Thank you for your support of this major fundraiser for our parish!



**Knights of Columbus Chicken, Clam
& Shrimp Fundraiser
Pickup is on October 18th from 3:30 - 5:30.**



Mass Intentions

MON. OCT. 19: SAINTS JOHN DE BREBEUF & ISAAC JOGUES

9:00 AM Living & Deceased of the Parish

TUES. OCT. 20: SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS

9:00 AM Stacy Siar by Antonette & Joe Fabrizio

WEDS. OCT. 21: TWENTY-NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Eileen Krajczar by James M. Iannarella

THURS. OCT. 22: SAINT JOHN PAUL II

9:00 AM Joseph F. Wallin by Jim DiCindio

FRI. OCT. 23: SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO

9:00 AM In Loving memory of Mary T. Volpi on her birthday
by her Family



SAT OCT. 24: VIGIL, THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM James Mason by Dayle & Dave Szymanski

SUN. OCT. 25: THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM Joan Wetzel by Deacon Joe & Patty Petruskas

9:00 AM Living & Deceased of the Parish

11:00 AM Kenneth Van Buskirk, Jr. by Amy & Todd Baker

Today is World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day remembering our baptismal call - to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete to help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

Celebrant Schedule

Oct. 24/25 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5:00 PM Father Brian Kean

Sunday 7:30 AM Father Marty Kern

9:00 AM Father Marty Kern

11:00 AM Father Marty Kern

Sanctuary Memorials

The Sanctuary Candle will burn
In Loving Memory of of Anne Hiryak
from Lisa DeSimone

The Bread and Wine are offered
In Loving Memory of Anne Hiryak
from her children & their families

The Flower arrangements are offered

In Loving Memory of
Anne Hiryak on her birthday
from her children and their families



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!

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, DEFEND US
IN BATTLE. BE OUR PROTECTION AGAINST THE
WICKEDNESS AND SNARES OF THE DEVIL; MAY
GOD REBUKE HIM, WE HUMBLY **PRAY**; AND DO
THOU, O PRINCE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST, BY
THE POWER OF GOD, CAST INTO HELL SATAN
AND ALL EVIL SPIRITS WHO PROWL ABOUT THE
WORLD SEEKING THE RUIN OF SOULS.

**Thank you to all who assisted in cleaning the church
between Masses this weekend!**

**Due to limited space in the bulletin and the
abundant generosity of volunteers, names are listed
on the Parish website <https://www.stcolumbkil.org>**

Extended Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Hours of Adoration in our Holy Family Chapel

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. to Midnight
Wednesdays Midnight to Midnight
Thursdays Midnight to Midnight
Fridays Midnight to 6:00 p.m.



Calendar

Monday October 19	Tuesday October 20	Wednesday October 21	Thursday October 22	Friday October 23	Saturday October 24	Sunday October 25
9 am Mass 9:30am Flame of Love Meeting 12pm-OA Meeting 5:30pm AA Meeting 7pm Rosary Group TBD-Emmanuel	9 am Mass 7 pm Men's Prayer Meeting	9 am Mass 7:15pm Prayer Meet- ing	9 am Mass 9:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm RCIA TBD-Senior Group	9 am Mass	9am Patriotic Rosary 10am Zoom Chil- dren's Rosary 4pm Confession 5 pm - Mass and Live stream	7:30 am - Mass 9 am - Mass 11 am - Mass Ready... Set... 1:00 p.m. Staycation!
Basket Party Walk through						

The Twenty-Ninth Week of Ordinary Time

Gathering: Holy God

Grosser Gott

Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on earth thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign.
Infinite thy vast domain, Everlasting is thy reign.

Hark! the loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name thee,
While in essence only One, Undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring bend the knee, While we own the mystery.
And adoring bend the knee, While we own the mystery.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Reading 1- IS 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

Reading 2 1 Thes 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

Gospel - Mt 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the

census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin.

He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?"

They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Song of Praise: You Are Mine

David Haas

I will come to you in the silence I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice I claim you as My choice
Be still, and know I am near
I am hope for all who are hopeless I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light
Come and rest in Me

Do not be afraid, I am with you I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine

I am strength for all the despairing Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free And all will know My name

Do not be afraid, I am with you I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me I will bring you home I love you and you are mine.

I am the Word that leads all to freedom I am the peace the world cannot give
I will call your name, embracing all your pain
Stand up, now, walk, and live

Do not be afraid, I am with you I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine

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Stewardship



Facilities Faith Lift II Capital Campaign News

We wish to thank our parishioners for their consistent pledge payments to the Facilities Faith Lift II Campaign.

Our Pledge phase is now in the third and final year, and runs through June 30, 2021.

All of the roofs have now been completed, and we are very proud of the results.

All of our FFL II Renovations would NOT be possible without your campaign contributions and dedication to the structural well-being of our parish.

Plans have been finalized to move ahead with the remaining FFL II renovations to the exterior of the Narthex entrance, sidewalk area, landscaping, etc. very shortly Stay tuned for exciting details!

Our Pennies to Bricks campaign is a great way for our children to be involved. You are always most welcome to come into the Narthex to deposit your coins into the container.

To date, the FFL II Pennies to Bricks program has brought in \$5,217.63 worth of pennies!

The grand total for both FFL I and FFL II Pennies collected so far is \$17,902.47

Please continue to pray for your Spiritually Adopted families, lifting each other in Prayer throughout our campaign.

Questions concerning your pledge can be directed to Gayle Fontaine, Campaign Coordinator at the parish office 610-367-2371.

Soup Kitchen

We are looking for volunteers for the Kennedy House Soup Kitchen on Saturday October 24 and Sunday, October 25.

Due to COVID-19 we will be putting all the food in containers and handing them to the people at the door. We will need about 6-8 volunteers each day to help with this and will meet at the Kennedy House at 9:30 AM.

In addition we will need cookies and brownies individually wrapped. Due to the pandemic the numbers are up and we expect to serve between 150-175 people. If you can't help in person this year, we understand and ask that you please consider a monetary donation. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.

Any questions please contact Jill Dennin at 610-914-9805

Religious Education-PREP Connie Boyer, Director

For information on our PREP program, visit our website www.stcolumbkill.org or call the Parish office at 610-367-2371.

FY 20-21 1st Qtr- Income/Expense Report

July 2020- through Sept.2020

Total Operating Income	\$220,809.00
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Total Operating Expenses	\$173,371.00
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Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	\$47,438.00
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MONTHLY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year July 2020 to June 2021

Month: September 2020

Last September 2019 (5 weeks)	This September 2020 (5 weeks)
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\$55,391.75

\$49,855.75

Includes Online: \$16,344.75

Includes Online: \$23,527.75

Beirut \$ 1,744.20

Lake Charles \$2,105

Peter's Pence \$1,829.70

Pre-School Caitlin Nickel, Director

A Note from the Director: After careful consideration, St. Columbkil Preschool has decided that it would be in the best interest of the students and staff to postpone the start date of the 2020-2021 preschool year until January 2021. While the decision to push the start of the school year back was not an easy one, we ultimately feel that it is best for the health and safety of the children and teachers. We are still accepting registrations for January 2021 for the 3 and 4 year old classes* and encourage those interested to reserve their child's spot as soon as possible as class sizes will be limited. Please contact Caitlin Nickel with any questions at 610-367-2371 or email preschool@stcolumbkil.org.

* Monday-Wednesday-Friday 4 year old class is filled

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

This school year marks the 36th year that St. Columbkil Preschool has offered quality education to children in Boyertown, PA & surrounding area. Our program provides learning experiences that are age and developmentally appropriate. Traditionally classes 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: <https://stcolumbkil.org/preschool>. You can also register your child (children) online. The \$35 per child, non-refundable registration fee has been waived. For more information contact our Director, Caitlin Nickel at: preschool@stcolumbkil.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

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

Parish News & Neighborhood

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 Ebst room any Monday at 12 noon to 1:00pm to inquire. (Please wear your masks—socially distanced seating)

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. Meeting: Wednesdays at 7:15pm

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

Due to social distancing caused by the coronavirus, the Prayer Shawl Ministry has not resumed monthly meetings. *The ladies have continued to create their beautiful prayer shawls.* Please be assured that they are made with the utmost care and prayer, and are ready to be presented for those in need. To request a shawl please call Judy at 610-367-0945 or contact the Church office. Thank you.

**OUR SENIOR GROUP**

NEXT SENIOR GROUP MONTHLY MEETING : To Be Announced
Contact: Donald Gilbert: 610-369-5950

**Human Concerns****"Clothe Your Neighbor"**

Human Concerns Ministry is again sponsoring the annual coat drive the weekend of October 24 & 25 (please do not bring before October 24). While all sizes of new or gently used outerwear will be accepted, a special need again this year is children's winter outerwear (coats, jackets, snow pants, boots, and gloves) for infants through teenage sizes. Please search your closets for clean, usable items that you won't need and would keep someone else warm. The coats will be donated to the Community Clothing Rack at St. Luke's Church in Gilbertsville for distribution to families in the Boyertown, Gilbertsville, and surrounding areas.



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

**Are you HOMEBOUND-or-would just WELCOME a friendly "HELLO"?**

"FALL" is in the air - and WINTER won't be far behind. If you are HOMEBOUND or just LONELY - "A SPECIAL CONNECTION" is within your reach!

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.



Live the Gospel of *Life*
"to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps"

Celebrate Respect Life month October 2020

Visit the USCCB Respect Life website for resources

- ♦ <https://www.respectlife.org/celebrate>
- ♦ <https://www.usccb.org/resources/rfp-20-reflection.pdf>

We are planning a trip to be in Medjugorje for the 40th Anniversary on June 25th, 2021.

Join us! For information on this trip, please contact Megan Repko 610-310-5661 or meganrepko@stcolumbkill.org
Queen of Peace, Pray for Us.

Dear children, I know that I am present in your lives and in your hearts. I feel your love, I hear your prayers and direct them to my Son. But, my children, according to motherly love, I desire to be in the lives of all of my children. I desire to gather all of my children around me, beneath my motherly mantle. This is why I am inviting you and calling you, apostles of my love, to help me. (Jan. 2, 2020)

Knights of Columbus

Early Knights of Columbus Acts of Faith and Charity

Did you know: Over 100 years ago, when the life expectancy of poor Catholic working men with families was short; if the widows could show no means to support the children, the courts simply broke up the family, determining the siblings to be orphans, often never to see each other again?

In those days, the Knights of Columbus would step in, providing the financial support needed to keep the family together. These early acts of Faith and Charity helped to define the many purposes of the Knights that still hold true today.

We always welcome new Knights to join us. If you would like to learn more about or sign-up with our Knights of Columbus Council, talk to any St. Columbkille Knight or visit our website:

<https://kofc16544.org>

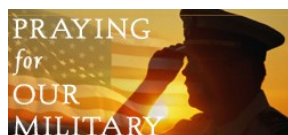


*Please Pray for the following Intentions:
For Our Family Members in the Military*

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.

Jason Almond, Petty Officer
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
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
E-5 Sergeant Ray Fazio
E-4 Specialist Haley Fazio
E-6 Staff Sergeant Billy Beuch
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



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 **(To be announced)**

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. **(To be announced)** Along with one rehearsal per month on the Sunday before the Mass. 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. **(To be announced)**

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@stcolumbkille.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@stcolumbkille.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.

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

Weekly Virtual YG events

Testament Tuesday on Zoom: Meeting ID: 869 1277 7391 and Password: bible

Saturday Rosary on zoom at 10am: Meeting ID: 488 598 630 and Password: Rosary



Many thanks for your support of our Salsa Fundraiser! Pick-up after Mass on October 31st and November 1st.



CRS Spotlight

Drocella Musabyimana is a small business owner in Rwanda who lost the ability to earn an income due to COVID-19. She was one of 9,000 people to receive cash support from CRS, to help promote business resilience after the lockdown brought her operations to a standstill. Visit www.crs.org to find out more about how you can help!

"Each day we have to decide whether to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders... There are only two kinds of people: those who care for someone who is hurting and those who pass by; those who bend down to help and those who look the other way and hurry off. Here, all our distinctions, labels and masks fall away: it is the moment of truth. Will we bend down to touch and heal the wounds of others? Will we bend down and help another to get up? This is today's challenge, and we should not be afraid to face it." ~ Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti

Thanks for your support to those in most need around the world.

Deacon Joe Petruskas, CRS Global Fellow

Hello St. Columbkille Families!!! Do you have Elementary School age children? Do they like to have fun? Would you like for them to learn how to be good citizens, while belonging to a den, earning advancements, encouraging family involvement, participating in fundraising activities, serving the community, and proudly wearing the uniform? If you've answered YES to any of these questions, then come please check out **Pack 545!**

The Cub Scouting program is for girls and boys in Kindergarten through Fifth grade. We meet each Monday night from 7 to 8 PM. Please contact the New Member Coordinator, **Eugene Kovach at 484-432-6778**, or email emkovach@outlook.com for more information. For youth in Sixth grade and beyond, we have our Scouts BSA unit, Troop 545. Please contact Eugene for information regarding this program as well. Although we're operating under some restrictions due to Covid-19, we're still planning activities for this year. We look forward to hearing from you!



Saint Francis Early Learning Center

St. Francis Academy Full Day Pre-Kindergarten 4-yr-old Program and Full Day Kindergarten Program will continue and is open for registrations for the 2020-21 school year! Registration forms and information can be found on the school website www.sfabally.org Please contact Mrs. Carolyn Graczyk at the MBS rectory office 610-845-2460 or cgraczyk@mbsbally.org for information.



SAVE the DATES!

Rocky Railway is coming to
St. Columbkille Parish
July 26-30, 2021
Jesus we trust in You
to pull us through!!



Vacation Bible School is held in the summer for one week for children in Pre-K through 5th grade.



National Council of the United States
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

End Poverty Through Systemic Change

(Poor box located in the Narthex ~ helping those in need in our local community)

Find out more about us:

<http://www.svdpusa.org/Assistance-Services>



Announcing the Flame of Love Prayer Cenacle at St.

Columbkille on Monday morning following the 9 am Mass. Please join us in the EHST room (located in the basement) at 9:30 am on Mondays. The Flame of Love Movement is promoted by Fr. Jim Blount, SOLT. The movement is based on the life of Elizabeth Kindlemann, a mystic approved by the Catholic Church. The prayer centers around saving all souls in the world for Jesus and His earthly mission. The Blessed Mother helps us to intercede with Jesus in the redemption of all people, even the most hardened sinners. The prayers we say will blind Satan to souls and then they can become able to respond to God's actual graces. Please join us for this very important Mission of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. For more information contact Michelle White: mwhitehfn@gmail.com.



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.

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 **FaithHopeCharity-Gives.org**.

Notary Public Lisa De Simone of our office staff is a certified notary public. She is authorized to perform the legal formalities of a notary, especially to draw up or certify contracts, deeds, & other documents for use in other jurisdictions. Contact Lisa at 610-367-2371. or email her at lisad@stcolumbkill.org

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 Choiniski at 610-850-1869 or email Peg at pchoinskisd@yahoo.com. All inquiries are confidential.

Stay Connected

The Parish Office hours are: Monday through Friday:
9:30am - 5:30pm

Saint Columbkil Sunday Mass continues to be livestreamed each Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

- ♦ **Parish facebook page:**
<https://www.facebook.com/parishofstcolumbkill/>
- ♦ **Parish Website:**
<https://www.stcolumbkill.org/live-video-streaming-of-mass>

Join us for the Parish Bible Study Live streamed on Thursdays after the 9am Mass <https://www.facebook.com/stcolumbkillparish>

Widow and Widowers Grief Support : The next "REACH OUT" meeting will be on October 18th at MBS, Fr Schneider Hall at 1 PM, beginning a return to the 2nd and 4th Sundays schedule. For more information and for anyone who has suffered a loss of any one close to them, please call Dn. Mike Boyle at 484-336-9849

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) If you or someone you know would like more information about the Catholic faith or if you are a baptized Catholic but have not received your first Communion or Confirmation RCIA is tailored for you.! Contact Margaret Chovanes at margaretc@stcolumbkill.org or 610-248-2172 with questions or concerns.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Berks Catholic High School has opening for a Part time Maintenance person. Be a part of something special! Please email Aeinolf@berkscatholic.org

St. Teresa of Calcutta School, 256 Swamp Pike, Schwenksville, PA is looking for a part time school nurse to work 2 ½ days a week. Hours would be ½ day Wednesday (12:00 Noon - 2:30 PM) and all day Thursday and Friday (9:00 AM - 2:30 PM). We are looking for a caring, compassionate, professional who loves taking care of children. The position requires administrative work as well as one-on-one time with students. A Bachelors of Nursing is required. Interested candidates email Principal, Anita M. Dixon at: adixon@school.stteresacalcutta.com.

HELP WANTED: Full-time secretarial/receptionist position available for local Catholic Church providing support to the Pastor and parish office operations. Must be proficient in English and Spanish, working knowledge of Microsoft Office suite, be courteous and maintain confidentiality. Send resume to St. Peter Church, 322 S. 5th Street, Reading, PA 19602 ATTN: Sec Position FT or email to stpeterbusmng@comcast.net. No phone calls, please. EOE M/F/D/V

HELP WANTED: Part-time secretarial position available for local Catholic Church providing support to the Director of Religious Education. Must be bilingual, working knowledge of Microsoft Office suite, be courteous and maintain confidentiality. Send resume to St. Peter Church, 322 S. 5th Street, Reading, PA 19602 ATTN: Sec Position DRE or email to stpeterbusmng@comcast.net. No phone calls, please. EOE M/F/D/V

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