



ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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THE KINGDOM OF
GOD IS AT HAND:
REPENT AND BELIEVE
IN THE GOSPEL.

MARK 1:15

24 JANUARY 2021 ~ THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saint Columbkil Office

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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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610-871-5200, Ext. 2204

Information

Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held daily in the chapel.

(See times on page 4)

Reconciliation (Confession)

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:00-4:45pm or any time by contacting the Parish Office.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for anointing and Communion for the sick and dying.

Baptism of Children

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the first Sunday of each month at 12:15p.m. Baptism Prep Classes for parents and godparents are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:15 pm in the EHST Room.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made at least six months before the wedding date. All couples must participate in the Marriage Prep Program.

Visits to Sick and Homebound

Please contact Sister Jean Wickenheiser, OSF at the Parish office to arrange a visit.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA prepares adolescents and adults for Baptism and full communion in the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Margaret Chovanes at 610-248-2171.

Religious Education (PREP)

Religious instruction for elementary school students takes place on Weds & Thu -Sept through May. Please contact Connie Boyer for more information.

New Parishioners : New parishioners are most welcome, and are encouraged to register online at www.stcolumbkil.org or call the Parish Office.

A Letter from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

This weekend the Church embarks upon the continuous reading through of the Gospel of Mark through Ordinary Time. While Mark's Gospel is the second of the four accounts in the New Testament, it is actually the first and oldest of the Gospels. It's also the shortest and, in a sense, the most direct account of the life and ministry of Jesus.

Back in the seminary, everyone studied the Gospel of Mark in a course taught by the rector, Monsignor Daniel Murray. He always began the course by impressing upon his students the fact that, unlike the other three accounts, Mark's Gospel was told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy.

This pressing nature comes across in Mark's lack of a birth narrative of Jesus or his genealogy. Nor does he include any poetic theological expressions of pre-existence with the Father as seen in John. Rather, Mark's Gospel opens with Jesus beginning his public ministry on the heels of that of John the Baptist. He calls his disciples, and typical of Mark's style, those called "dropped everything" and followed him. Because these first disciples were fishermen, what they dropped were their nets.

While not necessarily fishermen ourselves, we too are called to drop what we are holding (or doing) so as to follow Jesus. What nets are we trapped within? What has snagged us along life's way? In what snares are we entangled and therefore prevented from answering our individual callings?

We must each, in our own way, resolve to be a follower of Jesus by letting go of whatever nets we may be clinging to or, better put, may be clinging to us. Come Judgment Day, may we be recognized as one caught up only in the net cast out by Jesus himself and so recognized as a Christian and not merely "the one that got away."

Love and prayers,
Father Marty

faith



Inspired by great parish priests and vibrant parish communities, COOKS WITH COLLARS is an online cooking competition and a virtual celebration for the entire Diocese of Allentown. In the spirit of great parish festivals everywhere, COOKS WITH COLLARS is an opportunity to work together and have fun in order to raise funds for local parishes and Catholic Charities ministries in the Diocese of Allentown. †

<https://www.cookswithcollars.com/fundraising/St-Columbkil-Parish>

Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child



January 24 - Week 1 – On the 45th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court Decision to legalize abortion this week, we ask for your prayers to the unborn that are in danger of being aborted. Over the next forty weeks we will provide you with information on the development of unborn children through their eyes. Please join us in praying for those unborn children that they will be given the gift of life.

Please pray this prayer daily: ***“Jesus, Mary and Joseph. I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.”***



Mass Intentions

MON. JAN. 25: FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL
 9:00 AM Shio Northup by the Roberge Family
 & Donald Mahoney



TUES. JAN. 26: SS. TIMOTHY & TITUS
 9:00 AM Joseph McLaughlin by Kathy & Bill Gorry

WEDS. JAN. 27: SAINT ANGELA MERICI
 9:00 AM Living and Deceased of the Parish

THURS. JAN. 28: SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS
 9:00 AM John H. Dworak by John & Rose Hughes

FRI. JAN. 29: THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
 9:00 AM Gary Bloch by the Curley Family

SAT JAN. 30: VIGIL, THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 5:00 PM Sharon Geisel by Carol & Skip Grudzinski

SUN. JAN. 31: THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 7:30 AM Bud Curley by the Curley Family
 9:00 AM Edward Patrone by Joann Rivera & Joelene Piccinino
 11:00 AM Stella Epler by Robert & Maria Weingard



Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Celebrant Schedule

Jan. 30 & 31 Fourth week in Ordinary Time
Saturday 5:00 PM Father Marty Kern
Sunday 7:30 AM Father Marty Kern
 9:00 AM Father Marty Kern
 11:00 AM Father Marty Kern

Sanctuary Memorials



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
In Loving Memory of Victor Kimsel
 by Gene & Nikki Rinehimer



The Bread and Wine are offered
In Loving Memory of Santo A. Marabella
 by wife, Georgia

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!

**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**

Prayers for Priests, Deacons, Vocations: Please kindly
 remember in your prayers all of the living and deceased
 priests and deacons of our Diocese. Please also pray for
 our seminarians and for an increase in vocations to the
 priesthood and religious life.



**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 January 25	Tuesday January 26	Wednesday January 27	Thursday January 28	Friday January 29	Saturday January 30	Sunday January 31
	9 am Mass 9:30am Flame of Love	9 am Mass	9 am Mass	9 am Mass	9 am Mass	9am Patriotic Rosary 10am Zoom Children's Rosary 10:15am Rosary in Church	7:30 am - Mass 9 am - Mass 11 am - Mass
	12pm-OA Meeting 5:30pm AA Meeting		7:15pm Prayer Meeting	9:30am Bible Study			
	7pm Rosary Group	7 pm Men's Prayer Meeting		6:30pm RCIA Classes		4 pm-Confession 5 pm - Mass and Live stream	

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**Gathering:****You Walk Along Our Shoreline**

Sylvia Dunstan

You walk along our shoreline Where land meets unknown sea.
We hear your voice of power, "Now come and follow me.
And if you still will follow Through storm and wave and shoal,
Then I will make you fishers But of the human soul."

You call us, Christ, to gather The people of the earth.
We cannot fish for only Those lives we think have worth.
We spread your net of gospel Across the water's face,
Our boat a common shelter For all found by your grace.

We cast our net, O Jesus; We cry the kingdom's name;
We work for love and justice; We learn to hope through pain.
You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons,
To let your judgment heal us So that all may be one.

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 - Jon 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you."

So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed, " when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

Reading 2 1 Cor 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

Gospel - Mk 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:

"This is the time of fulfillment.

The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen.

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets.

Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

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

Hymn of Praise:**Here I am, Lord**

Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

**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.**

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 \$6,167.63 worth of pennies!

The grand total for both FFL I and FFL II Pennies collected so far is \$18,852.47!

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

Have you considered a Year-End Charitable Contribution?

If you itemize your deductions, making charitable contributions to your parish can decrease your tax bill. **Donating a long-term appreciated asset** such as a bond or stocks generally means that you do not have to pay capital gains, and you can take an income tax deduction for the full fair-market value.

Saint Columbkil currently has an account with TD Ameritrade, where parishioners can seamlessly transfer assets over from their own accounts.

For those not itemizing, another smart year-end strategy is the **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**. A QCD is generally a nontaxable distribution made directly by the trustee of your IRA to an organization eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. You must be at least age 70 1/2 when the distribution is made. The maximum annual exclusion for QCDs is \$100,000 per individual.

These gifts to Saint Columbkil Church provide a lasting benefit to help our parish continue to serve those in need, and assure that necessary parish expenses can be met. For more information on these two valuable tax benefits, please consult your tax advisor or IRA Trustee. Our Parish Financial Officer Gayle Fontaine is also available to answer any general questions concerning this method of donation. Thank you in advance for your stewardship.

FY 20-21 Half Year Income/Expense Report
July 2020- through Dec.2020

Total Operating Income	\$503,504.00
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Total Operating Expenses	\$363,174.00
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Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	\$140,330.00
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MONTHLY COLLECTION
Fiscal Year July 2020 to June 2021
Month: December 2020

Last December 2019 (5 weeks)	This December 2020 (4 weeks)
\$58,314.75	\$53,705.75

Includes Online: \$16,799.75	Includes Online: \$23,677.75
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PreSchool Caitlin Nickel, Dir.
Preschool Update

A Note from the Director: It is with deep regret that St. Columbkil Preschool will not be opening for the 2020-2021 school year due to the substantial increase in Covid cases in Berks and Montgomery Counties. While this was an extremely difficult decision to make, ultimately we feel that it is in the best interest of the students and staff to delay our preschool reopening until September 2021. We will now turn our attention to a safe reopening next fall and registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open. We will again be waiving the \$35 registration fee. Thank you for your continued support of our preschool program. Please contact Caitlin Nickel with any questions at 610-367-2371 or email preschool@stcolumbkil.org.

Pre-School Registration is now open for the 2021-2022 school year. This school year marks the 37th 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 Pre-school 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
- PreK 4: Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am - 11:30 am
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

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

"Souper Bowl Sunday": Our parish will be celebrating the National Football League Championship by sponsoring a "Souper Bowl" collection of non-perishable most-needed items for Preston's Pantry, located at the Boyertown Area Multi-Service, the weekends of January 30 & 31 and February 6 & 7. You can vote for your favorite team by depositing your items in the bin that represents your choice for Super Bowl Champs! For those undecided - there will also be a "neutral" bin. Current most-needed items include: pancake syrup, oatmeal, crackers, sugar free foods & snacks, condiments, cereal, kids snacks, coffee, powdered creamer, shampoo, conditioner, hand soap, diapers (size 4T/5T, 5 & 6), diaper wipes, laundry detergent, dish soap, trash bags, and cleaning supplies. Please keep in mind that we are unable to accept expired items or home canned items. Thank you in advance for your support of this important drive.

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.

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@stcolumbkill.org.



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

If you are HOMEBOUND or just LONELY - "A SPECIAL CONNECTION" is within your reach! NEVER FEEL ALONE! 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.



Sweetheart Story Hour

Sunday, February 14, 2021
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM
National Centre for Padre Pio
111 Barto Road
Barto, PA 19504

Celebrate Saint Valentine's Day with your favorite little sweetheart (Pre-School through Grade 2). We'll read a few great stories, eat a sweet treat, and complete a fun craft project. Invite your daughter or son, grandchild, Godchild, niece, or nephew for an hour of simple graces that help us remember the saint who loved God and others so much that we celebrate God's gift of love on his feast day! **There is no cost to attend this event; however, space is limited and registration is required. Register at www.padrepio.org/events/sweetheart-story-hour or at angela@padrepio.org**

Knights of Columbus

Knights Corner

Great News! Spread the Word!

The soon to be world famous, St. Columbkil K of C Breakfast Sandwiches will be available beginning February 7th!

Stay tuned to this column for upcoming details.

Baby Bottle Drive!

The annual St Columbkil Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Drive is under way! This event helps us to support our life initiatives including;

March For Life, BirthRight and Mary's Shelter.

Please take the Baby Bottles from the Narthex following Mass today,

fill them with loose change

and return them at any time through Sunday,

February 7th.

Thank You for participating!

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. Columbkil 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.

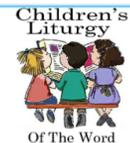
Jason Almond, Petty Officer
Seaman Recruit Steve Hoffa
SPC Jeremy Larson
Jonathan Taylor
Staff Sgt. Robert Preston
USN Petty Officer
Joseph Scarberry, Jr.
Lance Corporal David Vogler
Sergeant Brian Weber
Sergeant Jason Emerich
Sergeant David O'Brien
USN Petty Officer
Jennifer McBride
Lt. Steve Rohe
Sergeant 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
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



CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children's Liturgy is available to all families each week. A short video of the reading, responsorial and Gospel that the children would normally participate in during our Sunday 9 & 11 Masses is available now on our website and our facebook page. If you have any questions, contact: BASSCL412@gmail.com or call Marcia Martin at 610-223-2484



Music Corner

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@stcolumbkil.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@stcolumbkil.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.



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>



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

Testament Tues via Zoom at 7pm: Meeting ID: 869 1277 7391 and Password: bible

Worship Weds Teen Adoration with Heather in the chapel 6-7pm

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

Sunday Rosary in the church at 10:15am

Wonder Retreat: The Wonder Retreat is set for Friday March 3rd to Sunday March 7th. This year's theme is "Journey to WONDER". Through prayer, fellowship and shared experiences, we focus on our journeys to becoming a woman of God! This retreat is open to 7th-12th grade girls and will take place at St. Columbkil parish. This year, we will NOT be overnight due to COVID. Signups are NOW open online! Cost is \$50 which includes all meals, materials and a t-shirt. Please go to the parish website to fill out the sign up form and complete your payment. If you have questions, contact Christie Edling at cedling18@gmail.com. If for any reason you should need financial assistance, please speak directly to Heather Shainline at youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org. Coming up... There will be NO additional YG meeting this weekend. Our next meeting is Sunday, February 14th from 12:15-2:15!

Save the Date... Holy Week Mission: 3/31-4/3
CHWC: 6/13-6/19 * Signups open now! Only 5 spots available!
Steubenville: 7/16-7/18 * Signups

SAVE the DATES!

**Rocky Railway is coming to
St. Columbkil 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.

- LAOH; Our next meeting will be Monday, February 1st for our St. Brigid's Mass at 6:30pm.
- Irish Facts: St. Brigid is the patron saint of Ireland, midwives, newborns, Irish nuns, fugitives, blacksmiths, dairy-maids, boatmen, chicken farmers, cattle, scholars and sailors.
- Want to know more about the LAOH and who we are? Please contact Kathy Varady at kvarady2@gmail.com to learn more!

WEEKEND WARRIORS NEEDED FOR MARY'S ARMY:

"Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother." St Padre Pio

Opportunities to pray the Rosary every weekend:

- ♦ Saturday at 9 am in the chapel
- ♦ Saturday at 10 am via Zoom
Meeting ID: 488 598 630;
Password: Rosary
- ♦ **NEW:** Sunday 10:15 in the church

*No experience needed. Join us when you can.
All ages welcome!!*



St 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.



**Religious Education-PREP
Connie Boyer, Director**

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

Girl Scout cookies are now available. For information about how to order and for delivery please email: gstroop01221@gmail.com.



Proceeds from this sale will stay local and benefit all the troops that meet at St Columbkil

Flame of Love Prayer Cenacle at St. Columbkil 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 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. Please join us for this very important Mission of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. For more information contact Michelle White: mwhitefn@gmail.com.



RETROUVAILLE Help Our Marriage.org
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.

**2020 DONATION REPORT FOR
TAX STATEMENTS**

If you would like to receive your family's 2020 contribution statement, please write "Send tax Statement" on your contribution envelope and place it in the collection basket as usual. You only need to do this one time on ONE contribution envelope. Parishgiving online donors, please call the office for a statement. If you made a pledge to Facilities Faith Lift II Capital Campaign, your statement will automatically be sent to you.

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.

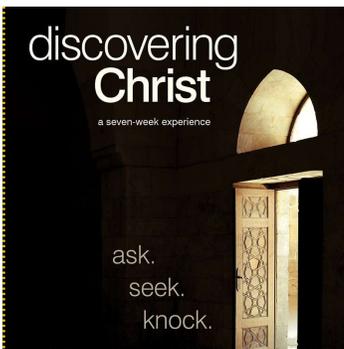
Widow and Widowers Grief Support : A widow concluded that after a year, her grief has moved from numbness and denial to acceptance. Denial is not always a bad thing. Hope lives there. In life, things happen to us, more is expected of us and change can only happen by us. Our "Reach Out" sessions can help by bringing the tools needed to meet the challenges ahead. Our next "REACH OUT" meeting will be at MBS' Fr Schneider Hall at 1 PM on January 24th. We ask all to pray for the families who have lost a loved-one as they adapt to life after loss. For more information and for **anyone** who has suffered a loss of **any one** close to them, please call Dr. 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.

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 pchoinskid@yahoo.com. All inquiries are confidential.



St. Columbkill 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. Columbkill Pre-K by shopping **AmazonSmile** and by choosing **St. Columbkill Church** as your charitable organization.



Discovering Christ is a seven-week experience where anyone and everyone, from the baptized in the pews to the unbaptized, is invited to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. Discovering Christ helps people enter into or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experience the love of God the Father, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God's children.

The Discovering Christ program will begin on Monday, February 8th and continue on successive Monday evenings, concluding on March 22nd. Each session will begin promptly at 7:00 P.M. and end no later than 8:30 P.M. All sessions will use the Zoom Meeting virtual platform. All that is required is a computer with audio and video capabilities and an internet connection. In addition, there will be a Saturday afternoon Holy Spirit retreat on March 13th from 1 P.M. to 4 P.M.

You must register in advance via google forms. Please visit our website to sign up on line or contact Deacon Joe Petrauskas at dcnjoepet2015@stcolumbkill.org There is no registration fee required.

