



ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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IF YOU WISH,
YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN.

MARK 1:40

14 FEBRUARY 2021 ~ SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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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,

It may be hard to believe, but this week we will begin our annual communal journey of Lent. When ashes are imposed upon each of us on Wednesday, we will be marked with an outward sign of our Christian identity and willingness to deepen his presence in our lives. In a word, we will be seeking out Jesus yet again.

This is precisely what we encounter in Mark's Gospel this weekend where Jesus is approached by a man suffering from leprosy. While physically and socially afflicted, the leper is anything but lacking when it comes to his profound faith. In fact, Jesus is taken aback by his determination and great faith. We are told that he took note of the man's confidence. You might even say that this remarkable confidence facilitated the miracle of the leper's healing.

In the time Jesus and his disciples walked the earth, aside from the actual raising of one from the dead, there could be no miracle more noteworthy and transcending than the purification of the leper. Such a healing would be considered transformative and life-changing. It would signify, not just the removal of disease, but the deeper cleansing of the spirit itself.

As we prepare ourselves for Lent 2021, the entire world has a much keener appreciation of being healthy. This Ash Wednesday we are certainly more aware of the limitations of our physical bodies and their susceptibility to disease. The masks we wear, for example, not only serve to protect us and others from a particular virus, but they also serve as a reminder of our weakness and dependence on our Creator.

May the ashes we receive also serve as a reminder of our need for healing, and may we have the confidence shown by the leper to approach the Lord and invite his healing touch to transcend our lives and make us *holy by making us whole*.

Love and prayers,
Father Marty



CELEBRATE ST. PATTY'S DAY WITH ST. COLUMBKILL'S TAKE-OUT IRISH DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH

DINNER INCLUDES:

**CORNEBEEF AND CABBAGE, PARS-
LEY POTATOES, COOKED CARROTS
AND IRISH SODA BREAD
JUST \$15.00!
PICK-UP TIME: 4:30 – 6:30PM**

May the Luck of the Irish be with you!

**ORDERS MAY BE PLACED THROUGH THE PAR-
ISH WEBSITE WWW.STCOLUMBKILL.ORG**

Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child



I am an embryo now, but my facial features are beginning to form. I think that my mom suspects that I am here. I hope she is as excited as I am, but I think she may be scared about her future. We need your prayers so that she will seek the advice of a Pro-Life counselor or friend to help her through the next several months and allow me to develop.

"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."

Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



Mass Intentions

MON. FEB. 15: SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Al Recke by the Curley Family

TUES. FEB. 16: SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM MaryEllen Moran by Aldene Koch

WEDS. FEB. 17: ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 AM Living & Deceased of our Parish

9:00 AM Eugene Coccia by Vivian Coccia

4:30 PM John Raub by Bernard Conley (Liturgy of the Word)

7:00 PM Lillian Guthridge by Mike & Maryann Brennan

THURS. FEB. 18: THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 AM Jean Kochen by Jim & Joanne Psota

9:00 AM Robert Lynn by Pat Schultz

FRI. FEB. 19: FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM George Speck by the Family

SAT FEB. 13: VIGIL, THE FIRST WEEK IN LENT

5:00 PM Cathy Heimbach by Kathy & Bill Gorry

SUN. FEB. 14: THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

7:30 AM Ethel McNeill by Monica Cades & Family

9:00 AM Bernie Reilly by Maria Albari

11:00 AM Joan Hindsley by the Dennin Family



Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-4, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Celebrant Schedule

Feb. 14 Sixth week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5:00 PM Father Marty Kern

Sunday 7:30 AM Father Marty Kern

9:00 AM Father Marty Kern

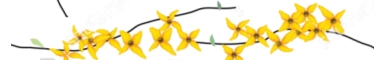
11:00 AM Father Marty Kern

Sanctuary Memorials



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
*In Loving Memory of Anne Hiryak
 by her Children & their Families*

The Flower arrangements offered
*In Loving Memory of Herbert & Johanna Engel
 By daughter, Ingeborg & Family*



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!

*Please Pray for our Recently Deceased
 Relatives of Parishioners*

*Bob Sullivan**Brother of Ed Sullivan**Mark Daigneault**Brother of Diana Gruetter**Salvatore Serra.**Father of Stephanie Suzenski*

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.



Monday February 15	Tuesday February 16	ASH Wednesday February 17	Thursday February 18	Friday February 19	Saturday February 20	Sunday February 21
9 am Mass 9:30am Flame of Love 12pm-OA Meeting 5:30pm AA Meeting Parish office closed 7pm Rosary Group 7pm Discovering Christ	9 am Mass 7 pm Men's Prayer Meeting	6:30 am Mass 9 am Mass 4:30 pm (Liturgy of the Word) 7:30 pm Mass 7:15pm Prayer Meeting	9 am Mass 9:30am Bible Study 6:30pm RCIA Classes	9 am Mass	9am Patriotic Rosary 9am Zoom Children's Rosary 4 pm-Confession 5 pm - Mass and Live stream	7:30 am - Mass 9 am - Mass 11 am - Mass 10:15am Rosary in Church

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**Gathering:****Healing River of the Spirit**

Ruth Duck

Healing river of the Spirit, Bathe the wounds that living brings.

Plunge our pain, our sin, our sadness Deep beneath your sacred springs. Weary from the restless searching That has lured us from your side, We discover in your presence Peace the world cannot provide.

Wellspring of the healing Spirit, Stream that flows to bring release, As we gain our selves, our senses, May our lives reflect your peace. Grateful for the flood that heals us, May your Church enact your grace. As we meet both friend and stranger, May we see our Savior's face.

Living stream that heals the nations, Make us channels of your pow'r. All the world is torn by conflict; Wars are raging at this hour. Saving Spirit, move among us, Guide our winding human course, Till we find our way together, Flowing homeward to our Source.

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 - Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head. "The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

Reading 2 1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Brothers and sisters, Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ

Gospel - Mk 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean."

Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean."

The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean.

Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once.

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything,

but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them."

The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

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:**Life Giving Bread**

Sylvia G. Dunstan

All who hunger, gather gladly; Holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wand'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, All around us is our food.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, Seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered In communion's love have stood.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this table Live their lives in gratitude.

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

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 \$6,423.63 worth of pennies!

The grand total for both FFL I and FFL II Pennies collected so far is \$ 19,108.47!

Questions concerning your pledge can be directed to Gayle Fontaine, Campaign Coordinator at the parish office at 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 ½ 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: January 2021

Last January 2020 (4 weeks)	This January 2021 (4 weeks)
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\$53,094.75

\$45,329.50

Includes Online: \$19,922.75	Includes Online: \$19,915.75
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Thank you for your generosity to the Bishops Overseas Collection: \$1726.00.

We would like to sincerely thank all who so generously contributed with gift cards for the Immaculate Heart of Mary Nuns in Reading during the Christmas season. The total collected was \$2,810.00.

Next week we will take up the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the U.S. & its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation & sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider this appeal. More Info: www.usccb.org/home-missions.

thankful & grateful & blessed

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



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

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues 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.

**PreSchool Caitlin Nickel, Dir.**

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 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

PreK 4: Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 am - 11:30 am
or Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00 am - 11:30 am

Human Concerns

Because of the snowstorm last Sunday, the Human Concerns Ministry will be leaving the **"Souper" Bowl Collection bins up for one more week-end, 13/14 Feb.** for anyone who was not able to bring their donation in last weekend. Thank you.

Everyone is invited to pray the rosary every Saturday, at 9:00 am! ****New time**** From the Zoom app enter the

Meeting ID: 488 598 630

and password: Rosary

from the Zoom app.



All are welcome to Join us!!

If you have questions
please contact

Megan at (610) 310-5661 or meganrepko@stcolumbkil.org.

*"And to me, my children, give the gift of the rosary,
the roses which I love so much."*

~ Our Lady of Medjugorje,

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.



OUR LADY STILL CALLS US: Sadly, it looks as though visiting Medjugorje in person is not in our near future. Meanwhile...Our Lady still calls us to prayer and right now our country needs our prayer more than ever!! Sue Fryer and I are forming a Medjugorje prayer group.

The purpose of this group will be to learn more about Our Lady of Medjugorje and her messages and pray for her intentions as well as the healing of our nation.

In order to learn more about Our Blessed Mother and the messages she has been giving us for almost 40 years we will start by reading

The Visions of the Children by Janice T. Connell.

Meeting time, date and location will be determined based on responses. Please email me (meganrepko@gmail.com) or Sue Fryer (sspence4@comcast.net) if you are interested!!

Knights of Columbus

Ok! The Breakfast Sandwiches are here!

While we do apologize for last week's inclement weather delay in providing the much anticipated, St. Columbkil K of C Breakfast Sandwiches, they are finally here! Stop in Fr. Quinn hall right after all three Sunday Masses today for a real treat!



Selection:

Bacon and Egg on an English Muffin - \$ 3.00
Sausage and Egg on an English Muffin - \$ 3.00
Hash Brown Potatoes - \$ 1.00
Thank You and please enjoy them!

The Knights are still accepting filled Baby Bottles.
Please place them in the Play Pen in the Narthex or give to one of the Knights on duty.
Thank You for your generosity!

Ash Wednesday is this week and remember, spring can't be far behind.

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>

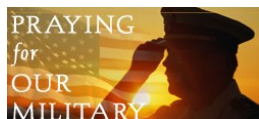


Please Pray for the following Intentions: For Our Family Members in the Military

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.

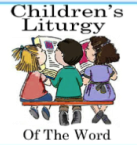
Jason Almond, Petty Officer
Seaman Recruit Steve Hoffa
SPC Jeremy Larson
Jonathan Taylor
Staff Sgt. Robert Preston
USN Petty Officer
Joseph Scarberry, Jr.
Lance Corporal David Vogler
Sergeant Brian Weber
Sergeant Jason Emerich
Sergeant David O'Brien
USN Petty Officer
Jennifer McBride
Lt. Steve Rohe
Sergeant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



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

Find out more about us:

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



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

Weekly Social Media Posts

Motivational Monday ♦ Worship Wednesday ♦ Catholic Fun Facts Friday

Wonder Retreat: The Wonder Retreat is Friday, March 5th to Sunday, March 7th. This year's theme is "Journey to WONDER". This retreat is open to 7th-12th grade girls and will take place at St. Columbkille parish. Cost is \$50 which includes all meals, materials and a t-shirt. The first 20 girls to signup will receive HALF OFF their registration fee! Signups are now open online. If you have questions, contact Christie Edling at cedling18@gmail.com or Heather Shainline at youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org.

Wonder Retreat Donations: During the retreat, our girls will be putting laundry bags together for those in need. Please consider dropping off the following in the Narthex next weekend: detergent pods, dryer sheets, resealable ziplock sandwich bags, quarters or monetary donation (can be dropped off in the office).

Coming up....

Friday, March 5th to Sunday, March 7th- Wonder Retreat
Sunday, March 14th- YG Meeting from 12:15-2:15

Save the Date...

Holy Week Mission: March 31st-April 3rd... details coming soon!

CHWC: June 13th-June 19th...6 spots left!

Steubenville: July 16th-July 18th...10 spots left!

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.

LAOH: Our next meeting will be Monday, March 1st in the KOC room.

Irish Facts: St. Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. He wasn't Irish, and he wasn't born in Ireland. Patrick's parents were Roman citizens living in modern-day England, or more precisely in Scotland or Wales (scholars can't agree on which).

Want to know more about the LAOH and who we are? Please contact Kathy Varady at kvarady2@gmail.com to learn more!

Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations

O God, you have constituted your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal priest for the glory of your majesty and the salvation of mankind: grant that those whom he has chosen ministers and dispensers of his mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

St Francis Early Learning Center

Contact Mrs. Carolyn Graczyk at the MBS rectory office 610-845-2460 or cgraczyk@mbsbally.org for information to register students for Kindergarten.



Religious Education-PREP Connie Boyer, Director

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

To order cookies please go to <https://tinyurl.com/troop1221> and place your order.

Delivery will be in the Church parking lot after Masses on Feb 14 and Feb 15th. If you have any questions, please email GSTROOP01221@gmail.com



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 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 peoples, 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: mwhitehfn@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**.

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

COOKS WITH COLLARS: Voting is taking place now up until **February 15th!**



Be sure to check out our own Fr. Marty & Dcn Jim cooking up **THE BEST**

CRAB CAKES EVER!

COOKS WITH COLLARS is an online cooking competition and a virtual celebration for the entire Diocese of Allentown.

\$10 per vote: All proceeds raised by St. Columbkil will go to our parish.

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

Widow and Widowers Grief Support

The next **"REACH OUT"** will be at St Columbkil's Conference RM at 1 PM on February 14th 2021. The following meeting will be on February 28th at MBS' Fr Schneider Hall at 1 PM. Being in the grip of winter, the temptation to get down at this difficult time for those who have lost a loved one is very great. The support of those who know cannot be overestimated. For more information and **for anyone** who has suffered a loss **of any one** close to them, please call Dn. Mike Boyle at 610-367-1602.

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

LIFTING OUR FAMILIES IN PRAYER

Family brings us great joy and happiness. They can also be a source of worry and concern..."Is my child dating/marrying the right person?" "Are my elderly parents safe at home?" "Will my son, daughter or grandchildren return to the faith?" "Will my spouse find work?" At some point in our lives, all of us will face these, or similar, questions. Often, we have little control over how others live their lives and what will become of them. One thing we can do, regardless of their age, is pray, so if you or a family member needs prayer, who better to turn to than our Lord and his Blessed Mother? As St. Paul instructed the early Christians, "Worry about nothing and pray about everything." We invite you to join us once a month as we dedicate an hour of our time to lift our families, ourselves and one another in prayer via the rosary. Our first gathering will be on Wednesday 17 March in the chapel at 7PM. Please contact Kevin Martin at (610-689-4244) or Kim Frattone at 484-300-1808 with questions or for more details.



Saint Columbkil Parish Mission Statement
We are a Catholic community drawing people to follow Jesus and
His message of love.