



# ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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# Lent

1st Sunday

### Saint Columbkille Office

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Summer Office Hours: Monday-Friday ~ 9:30am-4pm

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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.

### Parish Religious Education

**Director of Religious Education**

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**Coordinators of Religious Education**

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**Safe Environment Coordinator**

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS

610-871-5200, Ext. 2204

## Information

### Blessed Sacrament

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

(See times on page 4)

### Reconciliation (Confession)

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

### Anointing of the Sick

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

### Baptism of Children

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

### Sacrament of Marriage

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

### Visits to Sick and Homebound

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

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

### Religious Education (PREP)

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

**New Parishioners :** New parishioners are most welcome, and are encouraged to register online at [www.stcolumbkille.org](http://www.stcolumbkille.org) or call the Parish Office.



## A Letter from our Pastor

Dear Friends,

Some weeks ago when we began this current cycle of the Lectionary, I spoke to you about a sense of urgency and immediacy in the Gospel of Mark that isn't necessarily seen in the other three gospel accounts. As we begin the Season of Lent, this dramatic feature in Mark is on full display.

Jesus doesn't simply retreat into the desert to pray. Rather, we are told that he is *driven out* there by the Spirit. It happens quite all of a sudden and without delay. There is a real sense that this must happen and must happen quickly. This feeling of necessity conveys to us the importance of this event, an event we have come to recognize as the very first Lent.

As we enter upon this Lenten Season some two thousand years later, we are challenged with the same sense of urgency. If we look upon Lent as nothing more than the forty days leading up to Easter, then we have already failed in whatever observance we may be planning to undertake. The traditional sacrifices we make for Lent — the fasting, the abstinence, the almsgiving, the extra prayer time — none of these things really matter unless we look upon Lent as a time to respond to the promptings of the Spirit and, like Jesus, confront the demons among us with a sense of urgency.

Are we at all driven to face temptation in a prayerful way just as Jesus was? Are we even aware of the presence of certain demons in our lives, or have we grown complacent and simply come to accept them? Does the Holy Spirit bring us to Lent, or does the calendar?

If we begin Lent by asking ourselves questions such as these, we might better allow ourselves to be challenged and thereby transformed. It's nothing short of urgent!

Love and prayers,  
Father Marty



**CELEBRATE ST. PATTY'S DAY  
WITH  
ST. COLUMBKILL'S TAKE-OUT  
IRISH DINNER  
SATURDAY, MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>**

DINNER INCLUDES:

**CORNERED BEEF 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](http://WWW.STCOLUMBKILL.ORG)



**Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child**

Feb 21 - Week 5 – All of my major organs are developing and I am getting ears and eyes.

My mom is very sleepy right now because her body is changing for me to grow. Please pray for both of us and for guidance for my mom to make good decisions.

*“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. 22: THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER**

9:00 AM Lou Ciccoli by Aldene Koch

**TUES. FEB. 23: LENTEN WEEKDAY/ST. POLYCARP**

9:00 AM Special Intention for Marte Pjetri by Glyste Pjetri

**WEDS. FEB. 24: LENTEN WEEKDAY**

9:00 AM Paul & Agnes Walker by Mike & Mary Patti

7:00 PM For the Intentions of Karin Wahlstrom

by Fr. Martin Kern

**THURS. FEB. 25: LENTEN WEEKDAY**

6:30 AM Living & Deceased of our Parish

9:00 AM Howard Esterly by Donna Cias

**FRI. FEB. 26: LENTEN WEEKDAY**

9:00 AM Jack McDonald by Hector & Anne Chenelle

**SAT FEB. 27: VIGIL, THE SECOND WEEK IN LENT**

5:00 PM Shew Ling Yong by Mimi & John Parente

**SUN. FEB. 28: THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

7:30 AM Jack Burrell & Mollie & Tom Conte

by Jean Burrell & Family

9:00 AM Wanda Konowal by Loretta & Carl Lawlor

11:00 AM Anne Ferraro by Fran Boshell



## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19

**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

## Celebrant Schedule

**Feb. 28 The Second Week in Lent**

**Saturday** 5:00 PM Father Marty Kern

**Sunday** 7:30 AM Father Marty Kern

9:00 AM Father Marty Kern

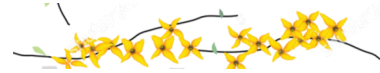
11:00 AM Father Marty Kern

## Sanctuary Memorials



The Sanctuary Candle will burn  
*In Loving Memory of our mother, Emma Nailon,  
by Kathleen, Eileen, Jackie & Gerry*

The Bread and Wine are offered  
*In Loving Memory of Tony Coccia on his birthday  
by Vivian Coccia*



## 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.

## 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 22	Tuesday February 23	Wednesday February 24	Thursday February 25	Friday February 26	Saturday February 27	Sunday February 28
9 am Mass 9:30am Flame of Love 12pm-OA Meeting 5:30pm AA Meeting  7pm Rosary Group  7pm Discovering Christ (online)	9 am Mass     7 pm Men's Prayer Meeting	9 am Mass   7p, Lenten Mass  7:15pm Prayer Meet- ing	6:30 am Lenten Mass 9 am Mass   9:30am Bible Study   6:30pm RCIA	9 am Mass    7pm Stations of the Cross	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

### Gathering:

**Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days** Claudia F. Hernaman  
 Lord, who throughout these forty days, For us did fast and pray,  
 Teach us to overcome our sins, And close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend And did the vict'ry win,  
 O give us strength in you to fight, In you to conquer sin.

As you did hunger and did thirst, So teach us, gracious Lord,  
 To die to self, and only live By your most holy word.

And through these days of penitence, And through your Passiontide,  
 For evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, that when this life Of suffering is past,  
 An Easter of unending joy We may attain at last!

### 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 - Gn 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him:  
 "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your  
 descendants after you and with every living creature that was with  
 you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals  
 that were with you and came out of the ark.  
 I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all  
 bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood;  
 there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God  
 added:  
 "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the  
 covenant between me and you and every living creature with you:  
 I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant  
 between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth,  
 and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have  
 made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters  
 shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

### Reading 2 1 Pt 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of  
 the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in  
 the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to  
 preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient  
 while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building  
 of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through  
 water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a  
 removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear  
 conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone  
 into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels,  
 authorities, and powers subject to him.

### Gospel - Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in  
 the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.  
 He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.  
 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."

### 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:

#### Song of Praise: Wisdom's Feast

Omer Westendorf

*We eat the bread of teaching, Drink wine of wisdom, Are  
 given here a taste of the kingdom. Together joined, the  
 greatest and the least, We all are one at Wisdom's holy feast.*

Wisdom calls throughout the city, Knows our hunger, and in  
 pity Gives her loving invitation To the banquet of salvation.  
 Simple ones whose hearts are yearning, Come and gain from  
 Wisdom's learning; Bread and wine she is preparing, Know  
 her loving in the sharing.

Enter with delight and singing, For her richness now is  
 bringing Us this joyous celebration; Eat and drink in  
 jubilation!

She will feed us sweetest insight So that at this feast, we all  
 might Be renewed, rejoice in flowing And abundant cups of  
 knowing.

Bread of angels she will give now, Wine of Heaven; come and  
 live now, Hearts refreshed, and spirits nourished, At this  
 holy table flourish.

**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

Support the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal** today! Right now over 40% of dioceses in the United States & its territories are considered mission territory, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support finds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, & other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the U.S. Please be generous. More information at

## Welcome newly Baptized

### Baptisms for

December 2020 & January 2021

Wyatt, son of Anthony and Chelsea Dease

Mary Kathryn, daughter of Keith &

Laura Engle

Brayden Todd, son of Todd Reisinger &

Krista McLaughlin

Hudson Andrew, son of Andrew &

Candace Morgan



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





## Parish News &amp; 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](mailto: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

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](mailto: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](mailto:meganrepko@gmail.com)) or Sue Fryer ([sspence4@comcast.net](mailto:sspence4@comcast.net)) if you are interested!!

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@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:lisad@stcolumbkil.org)



## Knights Corner

### The Knights Thank You!!

The St. Columbkil Knights of Columbus Breakfast Sandwich event last Sunday was a success.

We appreciate your support and please stay tuned to this column for details on future Breakfast Sandwich Sunday's.

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If you haven't returned your Baby Bottle, we still gladly accept them. They can be given to the St. Columbkil Knights at your Mass or they may be dropped off at the Parish office.

Thank You for your generosity!

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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>



*Do not neglect hospitality,  
for through it some have  
unknowingly entertained  
angels.*

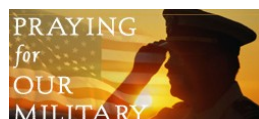
Heb 13:2

### *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.*

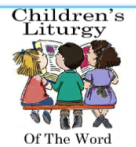
Jason Almond, Petty Officer  
Seaman Recruit Steve Hoffa  
SPC Jeremy Larson  
Jonathan Taylor  
Staff Sgt. Robert Preston  
USN Petty Officer  
Joseph Scarberry, Jr.  
Lance Corporal David Vogler  
Sergeant Brian Weber  
Sergeant Jason Emerich  
Sergeant David O'Brien  
USN Petty Officer  
Jennifer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

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## 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. Columbkil 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](mailto:cedling18@gmail.com) or Heather Shainline at [youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkil.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 the next 2 weekends: detergent pods, dryer sheets, ziplock bags, quarters (can be dropped off in the office).

**Holy Week Mission:** This year's theme is ESSENTIAL. Jesus is essential and we find our living God in our Sacraments. Come and discover what your soul needs to survive!! This Mission, which is March 31st- April 3rd, is for anyone in 7th grade through 12th grade. Our Holy Week Mission is in person this year but not overnight and there is opportunity for you to participate remotely as needed. Registration is now open online at the St. Columbkil Parish Website. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Heather Shainline, the Director of Youth Ministry, Megan Repko or Colleen Canfield at [youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org).

### Coming up....

Sunday, March 14th- YG Meeting from 12:15-2:15

### Save the Date...

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

Steubenville: July 16th-July 18th...9 spots left!

## 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, March 1st in the KOC room.

**Irish Facts:** St. Patrick used the shamrock to preach about the mystery of the Holy Trinity, and how three things, the Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit could be separate entities, yet one in the same.

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

## St Francis Early Learning Center

Contact Mrs. Carolyn Graczyk at the MBS rectory office 610-845-2460 or [cgraczyk@mbsbally.org](mailto: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.stcolumbkil.org](http://www.stcolumbkil.org) or call the Parish office at 610-367-2371.

**Serran Prayer for Vocations** O God, who wills not the death of a sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, St. Joseph her spouse, St. Junipero Serra and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

**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 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](mailto:mwhitehfn@gmail.com).



## Help Our Marriage.org RETROUVAILE 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](http://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](http://FaithHopeCharity-Gives.org).

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at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com),  
Amazon donates.  


St. Columbkil Pre-K is now participating in the [Amazon Smile](http://AmazonSmile) Program! Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible [AmazonSmile](http://AmazonSmile) purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. [AmazonSmile](http://AmazonSmile) is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Please support St. Columbkil Pre-K by shopping [AmazonSmile](http://AmazonSmile) and by choosing [St. Columbkil Church](http://St. Columbkil Church) as your charitable organization.

### Church Memorials 2021

**Sanctuary candle:** A sanctuary candle burns in our church to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. If you wish to have the sanctuary candle in the church burn for a full week in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office. Suggested offering: \$10.

**Bread and Wine:** In the early Church it was customary for the People of God to provide the bread and wine to be used at the Celebration of the Eucharist. If you wish to participate in the ancient tradition of providing the bread and wine for the Celebration of the Eucharist in the church as a memorial for your Family or your deceased loved ones. The Suggested offering: \$25.

**Altar Flowers:** It is an ancient custom to decorate the altar with flowers as a symbol of our praise to God and thanks for all blessings we've been given. Altar flowers may be donated in honor of/ memory of your loved ones living and deceased. Suggested offering: \$50

### Widow and Widowers Grief Support

The next "REACH OUT" meeting will be on February 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



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*We are a Catholic community drawing people to follow Jesus and*  
*His message of love.*