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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.stcolumbkill.org or call the Parish Office.

A Letter from Deacon Joe Petrauskas

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: "This is my beloved Son, listen to him."

Have you ever been in a situation where something so amazing occurs that you are lost for words? And maybe, through a lack of words, you say just about anything that fills the void of the amazement and what your mind can really comprehend. In Saint Mark's gospel of the Transfiguration, we get a glimpse of what must have been going through Peter's mind. Unable to truly grasp the moment, he doesn't quite know what to say, so he begins to babble. When our faculties are flooded, as they are in extraordinary experiences, we often say things that don't make sense. But in this experience for Peter, James, and John, it's the words that are spoken to them that are at the heart of the matter; "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." We have entered the extraordinary experience of the Lenten season. It is a time to reflect and listen to all that God has to say to us. It is a time that God calls us to listen to his Son, Jesus Christ in Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. How will you respond to His message?

Blessings!
Deacon Joe Petrauskas

Please Pray for our Recently Deceased Relatives of Parishioners

Ethel Foor
Mother of Corinne Kern

Irene Pupo
Mother of MaryBeth Moyer

Celebrate St. Patty's Day
With
St. Columbkill's Take-out Irish Dinner
Saturday, March 13th

Dinner includes:

Corned Beef and Cabbage, Parsley 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!

Deadline: March 7th: Orders may be placed through the Parish Website www.stcolumbkill.org

Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child

Feb 28 - Week 6 – I am now the size of a small bean and although my mom is having a few different food cravings, beans are not one of them. My mom called the doctor today. I hope she will not be too upset when she finds out about my presence because I am really excited to be here. I have heard that a lot of other babies don't make it past this point in their development and that one of three babies are aborted each day. ***"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. Mar. 1: Lenten weekday
9:00 am Jack McDonald by Dave & Sharon Fisherowski

Tues. Mar. 2: Lenten weekday
9:00 am Jack McDonald by Vivian Coccia

Weds. Mar. 3: Lenten weekday/St. Katharine Drexel
9:00 am Steve Takacs by Keith & Brenda Fronheiser
7:00 pm Edward F. McGill by Fr. Martin Kern

Thrs. Mar. 4: Lenten weekday/St. Casimir
6:30 am Living & Deceased of our Parish
9:00 am Jack McDonald by Ken & Carol Reber

Fri. Mar. 5: Lenten weekday / World Day of Prayer
9:00 am Bud Curley by the Family

Sat Mar. 6: Vigil, The Third week in Lent
5:00 pm Bernie Reilly by Joanne Burke

Sun. Mar. 7: The Third Sunday in Lent
7:30 am Mildred Fabrizio on the anniversary of her death
by son, Joe & daughter-in-law, Antonette
9:00 am Those Enrolled in the Iona Memorial Fund
11:00 am Barbara DiPiero by Edward & Jill Dennin & Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Celebrant Schedule

Mar. 7 The Third 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 Memory of Russell Hartman by Fr. Martin Kern

The Bread and Wine are offered
In Honor of Claire Chovanes
on the occasion of her 92nd Birthday

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.

Calendar

Monday March 1	Tuesday March 2	Wednesday March 3	Thursday March 4	Friday March 5	Saturday March 6	Sunday March 7
9 am Mass 9:30am Flame of Love 12pm–OA Meeting 5:30pm AA Meeting 6-7:30pm Youth Adoration 7pm Rosary Group 7pm Discovering Christ (online)	9 am Mass 7 pm Men's Prayer Meeting 7pm Foreign Mission	9 am Mass 4-5pm First Communion Parent Mtg. 7pm Lenten Mass 7pm Human Concerns 7:15pm Prayer Meeting	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 Knights of Columbus Take Out Breakfast Sandwiches 10:15am Rosary in Church

Gathering:

How Good Lord to Be Here Joseph A. Robinson

How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.
How good, Lord, to be here, Your beauty to behold
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your messengers of old.
Fulfiller of the past And hope of things to be,
We hail your body glorified And our redemption see.
Before we taste of death, We see your kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.
How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Reading 1 - Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!"
"Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command."

Reading 2 Rom 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us?
He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?
Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised— who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us

Gospel - Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents:
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified.
Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."
Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.
As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

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: You Are the Voice David Haas

You are the voice of the living God, calling us now to live in your love; to be children of God once again!

Praise for the night that shines through the night, from darkness to light, from death to new life, and praise to the morning that brings forth the sun, to open our eyes to the Lord! For

You are the voice of the living God, calling us now to live in your love; to be children of God once again!

Praise for the water that springs from the sea, the seed that gives life to all believe, God's love overflowing our hearts know the joy to be daughters and sons of the Lord! For

You are the voice of the living God, calling us now to live in your love; to be children of God once again!

Praise for the singing and praise for the dance, with new heart and voice, all raise the song of praise to creation; all heaven and earth, come sing of Glory of God! For

You are the voice of the living God, calling us now to live in your love; to be children of God once again!

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

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Stewardship

Facilities Faith Lift II Capital Campaign News

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

Our Pledge phase is now in the third and final year, and runs through June 30, 2021. All of the roofs have now been completed, and we are very proud of the results.
All of our FFL II Renovations would NOT be possible without your campaign contributions and dedication to the structural well-being of our parish.
Plans have been finalized to move ahead with the remaining FFL II renovations to the exterior of the Narthex entrance, sidewalk area, landscaping, etc. very shortly Stay tuned for exciting details!

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

To date, the FFL II Pennies to Bricks program has brought in $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 Columbkill 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 Columbkill 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
Total Operating Expenses	$363,174.00
Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	$140,330.00

MONTHLY COLLECTION
Fiscal Year July 2020 to June 2021
Month: January 2021

Last January 2020 (4 weeks)	This January 2021 (4 weeks)
$53,094.75	$45,329.50
Includes Online: $19,922.75	Includes Online: $19,915.75

Thank you for your generous support of last week's **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. Your generosity assures that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.

MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER
CONVALESCENT PLASMA

Miller-Keystone Blood Center is participating in an experimental treatment called **Convalescent Plasma**, which has the potential to be lifesaving for critically ill COVID-19 patients. In August, the FDA announced the emergency authorization of Convalescent Plasma to treat COVID-19.

Why This Is So Important

When a person becomes ill with COVID-19, they develop antibody-rich plasma which can help stimulate the recovery for critically ill patients, especially those with suppressed immune systems, fighting the virus.

How You Can Help

If you or someone you know has recovered from COVID-19 and would be interested in donating for the **Convalescent Plasma Program**, contact Diane Wiest, RN, Senior Director of Risk Management, at 800-223-6667 ext.1245 or dwiest@giveapint.org. Or visit **GIVEaPINT.org/covid-plasma** to complete the eligibility screening form. **We are presently operating under an appointment-only policy.**

COVID-19 convalescent plasma has not been approved or licensed by the FDA;
COVID-19 convalescent plasma has been authorized by the FDA under an EUA;
COVID-19 convalescent plasma is authorized only for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of the emergency use of drugs and biological products during the COVID-19 pandemic under section 564(b)(1) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(b)(1), unless the authorization is terminated or revoked sooner.

Your Blood. Their Hope.
MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER

SIGN UP TO BE A DONOR TODAY!

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

Seniors on the GO!

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 Ehst 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. Columbkill 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@stcolumbkill.org.

Pre-School Registration is now open for the 2021-2022 school year. This school year marks the 37th year that St. Columbkill 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://stcolumbkill.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@stcolumbkill.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@stcolumbkill.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!!

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

Knights Corner

Back by popular demand!

New & Improved (Now including Cheese!)

Great news! The St. Columbkill Knights of Columbus will once again be cooking up our World Famous Breakfast Sandwiches Next Sunday, March 7th, right over in Fr. Quinn Hall after each Sunday Mass.

We wish to offer our sincere thanks to all of you who purchased them on February 14th, and appreciate your continued support of the St. C, K of C.

Menu:

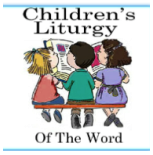
Bacon, Egg and Cheese on an English Muffin - $4.00
Sausage Egg and Cheese on an English Muffin - $4.00
Home Fry Potatoes - $1.00

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. Columbkill 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@stcolumbkill.org for a schedule or with any questions. To Be Announced

Cantors/Leaders of Song - our ranks have dwindled with the graduation of many of our youth cantors, and we need to increase the number of cantors for scheduling. Support is available by means of practice sessions with the organist/accompanist. This is a great opportunity for youth grades 7 and up to serve the parish community. It is also a great opportunity for parents to set the example for children by serving as a leader of song. Contact Deb Maskrey at debm@stcolumbkill.org with questions or for more information, or chat with one of our current cantors!

Put your piano lessons to good use! The children's choir and the adult choir of the parish could use an accompanist. Contact Carolyn Quinn for children's choir information and Deb Maskrey for the adult choir.

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

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. Columbkill parish. Cost is $50 and includes all meals, materials and a t-shirt. The first 20 girls will receive HALF OFF their registration fee! This is the last weekend to signup! If you have questions, contact Christie Edling at cedling18@gmail.com or Heather Shainline at youthgroup@stcolumbkill.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 until next weekend: detergent pods, dryer sheets, ziplock bags and 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 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. Columbkill 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@stcolumbkill.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-July18th...9 spots left!

SAVE the DATES!

Rocky Railway is coming to
St. Columbkill 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

- The annual LAOH Irish Potato and Scone Sale will be **March 13th and 14th.** Irish Potatoes with & without whiskey are available for preorders now until March 7th. Scones will be available for purchase at pickup.
- Our next meeting will be Monday, March 1st in the KOC room
- Irish Facts: The original color associated with St. Patrick is blue, not green as commonly believed.
- Want to know more about the LAOH and who we are?

Please contact Kathy Varady at 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 for information to register students for Kindergarten.

Religious Education-PREP
Connie Boyer, Director

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

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. Columbkill 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.

HelpOurMarriage.org
RETROUVAILLE
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 **FaithHopeCharityGives.org.**

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.

VILLA MARIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES SPRING ADMISSIONS EVENTS

Learn about what the Villa Maria sisterhood has to offer! Villa Maria Academy High School, a Catholic college preparatory school in the tradition of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, invites young women in 6th and 7th grade to attend the school's spring events. Located in Malvern, Villa Maria will offer a 7th Grade Practice Exam on Saturday, March 13, on campus. Additionally, two spring Virtual Preview Breakfast events will be held Tuesday, April 20, and Wednesday, April 28, for 6th and 7th grade students and their parents/guardians. For more information or to register, please visit vmahs.org or contact the Admissions Office at (610) 644-2551.

Widow and Widowers Grief Support

The next "**REACH OUT"** 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@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 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.