

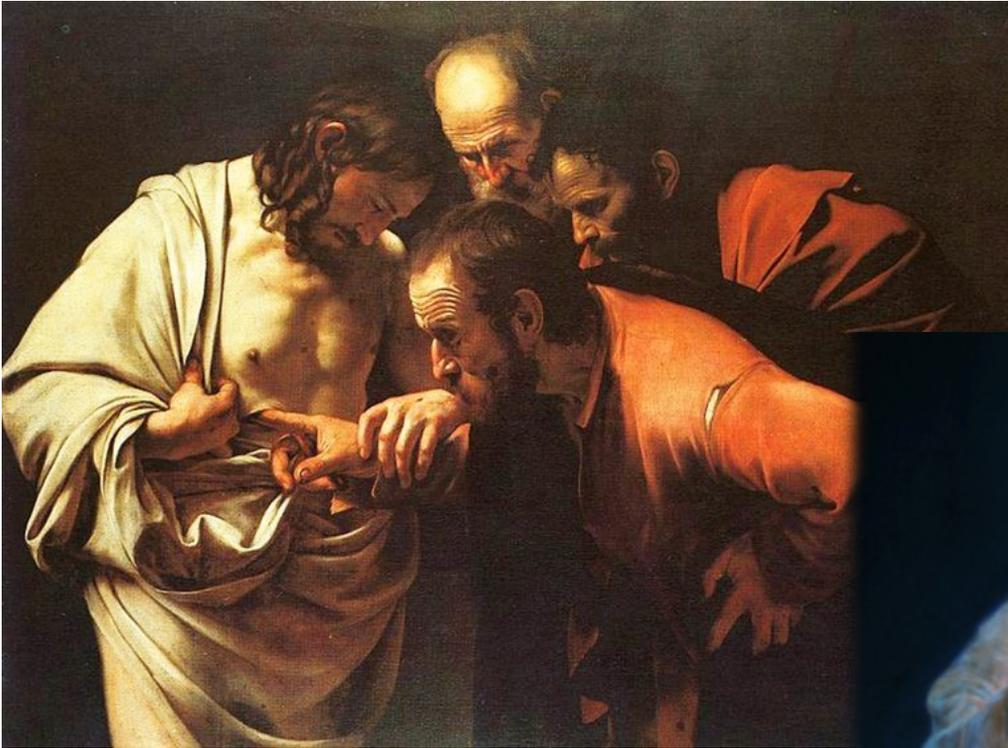


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*You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me,
says the Lord;
Blessed are those who have not
seen me, but still believe!*

Jesus, I trust in you

Saint Columbkil Office

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Sunday Mass

Saturday evening: 5:00p.m.
(Live and live streamed)

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00a.m.

Daily Mass

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Holydays

Vigil Mass the day before the Holyday. 7:00 p.m.

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6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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610-871-5200, Ext. 2204

Information

Blessed Sacrament

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

(See times on page 4)

Reconciliation (Confession)

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

Anointing of the Sick

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

Baptism of Children

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

Sacrament of Marriage

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

Visits to Sick and Homebound

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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

Religious Education (PREP)

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

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

Back in April of 2000, Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed that henceforth the Second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Therefore, as we continue our celebration of Easter, we are also invited to dwell upon the great gift of God's mercy.

What do we know about God's mercy? We know a few things. Primarily, we know what the Church prays this weekend in Psalm 118, that God's mercy endures forever. Like his love, which is everlasting, his mercy is without limits. We also know that God's mercy is freely given, yet it is not free. It was bought for us at a great price through the passion, death and resurrection of Christ.

It makes perfect sense, therefore, that we should commemorate the Divine Mercy right after Easter Sunday, because it was Easter that completed the purchase for us. The Resurrection was the final transaction in the holy exchange whereby allowing mercy to flow freely to each and every soul who desires it.

As we hear in the Gospel this weekend, the resurrection of Jesus from the dead baffled the disciples, especially Thomas. Likewise, mercy itself is also mysterious and somewhat hard to comprehend. When Our Lord appeared to St. Faustina Kowalska, she recorded in her diary that he described his mercy as "niewyobrazalne," the Polish word for "inconceivable."

Like so many good gifts from God, mercy is also somewhat shrouded in mystery. While we are immersed in the Paschal Mystery this Easter Season, we should avail ourselves of the many graces offered to us in the mysterious — yet ever simple — Divine Mercy. While it may remain somewhat inconceivable, Almighty God has revealed all we really need to know about his mercy — namely, that it comes through Christ and that it endures forever!

Love and prayers,
Father Marty

Jesus, I trust in you



Cynthia Hoffman-Hensley
Veronica Pomar
Maribeth Rawson
Jeremy Sharpe

Welcome new members

K of C Scholarship

The St. Columbkille Knights of Columbus Council will once again provide a graduating high school senior with a \$1,500 Parish Service Scholarship. Any graduating high school senior who is planning to attend any type of post-secondary schooling is encouraged to apply for the scholarship.

Applications are now available on our website, in the Parish bulletin or scan the QR code in the bottom right of this announcement.
Submission deadline is **May 5, 2021**.

More info to come in the Knight's Corner or our web site.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Mass Intentions

MON. APR 12: EASTER WEEKDAY

9:00 AM Debbie Pruitt by the Curley Family
6:30 PM St. Brigid Mass

TUES. APR 13: EASTER WEEKDAY

9:00 AM Ethel McNeill on her birthday
by daughter, Monica Cades & Family

WEDS. APR 14: EASTER WEEKDAY/SAINT MARTIN I

9:00 AM Special intention for Marte Pjetri by Glyste Pjetri
& Larry Goldschmidt on the 1st Anniversary of his death
by wife, Geraldine

THURS. APR 15: EASTER WEEKDAY

9:00 AM Sister Catherine White, SP by her brothers & sisters

FRI. APR. 16: EASTER WEEKDAY

9:00 AM Caroline Brong by JoAnn Recke

SAT APR 17: VIGIL, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 PM Mary Alvarez by Mimi & John Parente

SUN. APR 18: THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 AM Jean Kochen by Patty & Dcn Joe Petrauskas
9:00 AM Vera Buler by John & Natalie Warren
11:00 AM John Weston by Bob & Dee Tokarski



Our 2021 Paschal Candle is donated
In Loving Memory of
David & Lawrence Goldschmidt
by Mrs. Geraldine Goldschmidt

Celebrant Schedule

Apr. 17/18 Third Week of Easter

Saturday 5:00 PM Fr. Marty Kern
Sunday 7:30 AM Fr. Marty Kern
9:00 AM Fr. Marty Kern
11:00 AM Fr. Marty Kern



Sanctuary Memorials



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
In Loving Memory of Marie Furman
by daughter, Re

The Bread and Wine are offered
In Loving Memory of Donna Rhoads
by the Family



Flower arrangements offered
Easter Flower Memorials



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 April 12	Tuesday April 13	Wednesday April 14	Thursday April 15	Friday April 16	Saturday April 17	Sunday April 18
9 am MASS 9:30am Flame of Love 12pm-OA Meeting 5:30pm AA Meeting 7pm Rosary Group	9 am Mass 7 pm Men's Prayer Meeting	9 am Mass 4pm Parent 1st Com- munion Meeting 7:15pm Prayer Meeting	9 am Mass 9:30 am Bible Study 9am Senior Grp TBD 6:30pm RCIA Classes	9 am Mass	9am Patriotic Rosary 9am Children's Ro- sary (zoom) 4 pm-Confession 5 pm - Vigil Mass and Live stream	7:30 am - Mass 9 am- Mass 11 am - Mass 10:15am Sunday Rosary

Gathering: There's A Wideness in God's Mercy Frederick Faber

There's a wideness in God's mercy Like the wideness of the sea;
 There's a kindness in God's justice Which is more than liberty.
 There is plentiful redemption In the blood that has been shed;
 There is joy for all the members In the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader Than the measures of the mind;
 And the heart of the Eternal Is most wonderfully kind.
 If our love were but more faithful, We should rest upon God's
 word; And our lives would be thanksgiving For the goodness of
 our Lord.

Troubled souls, why will you scatter Like a crowd of frightened
 sheep? Foolish hearts, why will you wander From a love so true
 and deep? There is welcome for the sinner, And more graces for
 the good; There is mercy with the Savior, There is healing in his
 blood.

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 - Acts 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind,
 and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own,
 but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles
 bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor
 was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them,
 for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the
 proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles,
 and they were distributed to each according to need.

Reading 2 1John 5:1-6

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten
 by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one
 begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of
 God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love
 of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his
 commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by
 God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is
 our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who
 believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came
 through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by
 water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is
 truth.

Gospel - Jn 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors
 were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews,
 Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be
 with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands
 and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has
 sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed
 on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins
 you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are
 retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them
 when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have
 seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of
 the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and

put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later
 his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus
 came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst
 and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put
 your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put
 it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas
 answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to
 him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
 Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples
 that are not written in this book. But these are written that you
 may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
 and that through this belief you may have life in his name

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

Communion Hymn: Behold the Lamb Martin Willett

Those who were in the dark are thankful for the sunlight; we who
 live, we who die are grateful for his gift, thankful for his love.

*Behold, behold the Lamb of God. All who eat, all who drink shall
 live; and all, all who dwell in God shall come to know his glory.*

Peaceful now, those whose hearts are blessed with understanding
 of the wheat, of the wine united with his word and the love we
 share.

Gentle one, Child of God, join with us at this table. Bless our lives;
 nourish all who hunger for this feast; shelter them with peace.
 Lord of all, give us light. Deliver us from evil. Make us one; be our
 shield. Make still the winds that blow; cradle us with love.

Recessional: We Walk by Faith Henry Alford

We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear Of
 him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe him near.
 We may not touch his hands and side, Nor follow where he trod; Yet
 in his promise we rejoice, And cry "My Lord and God!"
 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, And may our faith abound; To call on
 you when you are near, And seek where you are found:
 That when our life of faith is done In realms of clearer light We may
 behold you as you are In full and endless sight.
 We walk by faith, and not by sight: No gracious words we hear Of
 him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe him near.

**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.

We will begin the final phase of our Facilities Faith Lift renovations on Easter Monday, April 5th!! Changes will be made to the exterior of the Narthex entrance, sidewalk area, and surrounding landscaping. All of our FFL Renovations would NOT be possible without your campaign contributions and dedication to the structural well-being of our parish.

Thank you so much for your constant support! 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 \$6,527.13 worth of pennies!

The grand total for both FFL I and FFL II Pennies collected so far is \$19,211.97!

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

FY 20-21 Half Year Income/Expense Report	
July 2020- through March 2021	
Total Operating Income	\$736,833.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$541,748.00
Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	\$195,085.00
MONTHLY COLLECTION	
Fiscal Year July 2020 to June 2021	
Month: March 2021	
Last March 2020 (5 weeks)	This March 2021 (5 weeks)
\$52,247.75	\$61,780.55
Includes Online: \$18,199.75	Includes Online: \$25,661.75

*Please Pray for Recently Deceased Parishioner
Shawna Northrup*



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.

St Francis Early Learning

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



COVID VACCINATION PROJECT:

The Boyertown Area School District, the Medicine Shoppe and Community Organizations (including St. Columbkil) are now registering folks in Phase 1A or 1B. Phase 1B includes:

First responders; Grocery store employees; Food/agriculture workers; People in congregate settings not otherwise specified as long-term care facilities, and persons receiving home and community-based services, Correctional officers and other workers serving people in congregate care settings not included in Phase 1A, U.S. Postal Service workers, Manufacturing workers, Education workers, Clergy and other essential support for houses of worship, Public transit workers, Individuals caring for children or adults in early childhood and adult day programs

[reference <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Vaccine/Pages/Vaccine.aspx>]

Our public-facing website registration link is live through: <https://www.medicineshoppeboyertown.com/covid-19-1>

We are still accepting registrations from any geography.

This community effort is now open to the public.

Check back on the [Medicine Shoppe Website](#) often to register with the latest link for the clinics.



Proof of Love is Deed! Catherine McAuley

Parish News

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 Efst 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 7:35 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.

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

LAOH

- Our next meeting will be Monday, April 12th for our St. Brigid's Mass- 6:30pm. Light refreshments will be provided.
- Want to know more about the LAOH and who we are? Please contact Kathy Varady at kvarady2@gmail.com to learn more!

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

Continued Service Project

As many of you know, during the Wonder Retreat we made 54 Laundry Kits for the St. Al's Warming Center. We made MANY more kits (minus the quarters) and want to continue making them as a year long service project! With that being said, we are going to continue to collect **QUARTERS!** We are also in need of 13 gallon garbage bags (white only). Feel free to drop them off in the office, give to Heather or give to a Youth Group member. Monetary donations are welcome, too!

Summer Trip Updates

An email from Heather will be coming out shortly about the summer trips. Please be on the lookout.

Coming up....

- Sunday, April 11th- YG Meeting from 12:15-2:15

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.



Religious Education-PREP
Connie Boyer, Director

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

The Human Concerns Committee will be offering Mothers Day cards and petitions this year. Stay tuned for further announcements.

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.



Knights Corner

Attention all St. Columbkil High School Seniors

The St. Columbkil Knights of Columbus will once again be presenting a graduating high school senior with a \$1,500 Parish Service Scholarship.



Any 2021 senior who is planning to attend any type of post-secondary schooling is encouraged to apply for the Scholarship.

Applications are available beginning April 11th, with a submission deadline of May 5th.

More information and applications are available on the St. Columbkil K of C Council #16544 Website: <https://kofc16544.org/>, the Parish website: <https://stcolumbkil.org/> and in the Parish office.

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>

CRS Spotlight

The United Nations has warned that Ethiopia's Tigray region could be at risk of famine if sustained food assistance can't reach people in need, and if conflict continues to disrupt livestock and labor markets. With the help of the federal government's USAID's Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance, Catholic Relief Services is rapidly increasing our food aid. Together, we have been able to provide 850 trucks to supply 34,000 metric tons of food in order to feed approximately 1 million people. Visit www.crs.org to see how you can help!

Your generous CRS Rice Bowl contributions at work!

Deacon Joe Petrauskas, CRS Global Fellow

Church Memorials 2021

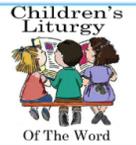
Sanctuary candle: A sanctuary candle burns in our church to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. If you wish to have the sanctuary candle in the church burn for a full week in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office. Suggested offering: \$10.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

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



Music Corner

Children's Choir If you have a child who would like to join the Children's Choir, please contact Carolyn Quinn at carolynsings4@gmail.com Practices are Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:00. The children's choir sings once a month at the Children's Mass. **TO BE ANNOUNCED**

IGNITE: The youth of our church have been singing/praising at Mass once a month during the school year for the past 3 years. Ignite was started by a student and her friends. We are inviting anyone who enjoys more contemporary music to join this year! Masses are once a month on Saturday night at 5:00. **(To be announced)** Along with one rehearsal per month on the Sunday before the Mass. Let's keep this going!! Please Contact Carolyn Quinn at carolynsings4@gmail.com



EMMANUEL MUSIC MINISTRY: Do you play the flute, oboe, violin, cello, or other instrument? WE NEED YOU! Student or Adult, EMMANUEL needs musicians to make a joyful noise on Sundays at 11:00 Mass. Please call Kathy at 610-741-4546. **(To be announced)**

Adult Choir - Yes, there is an adult choir that sings many Sundays at the 9am Mass! We concentrate on Advent, Christmas and Lent seasons, as well as Easter, Mother's Day and Pentecost, and a few other Sundays for good measure. No audition, no need to read music! We practice many Sundays after the 9am Mass. Once and done for the week! Come check us out in the Ehst room (downstairs)! Contact Deb Maskrey at debm@stcolumbkil.org for a schedule or with any questions. **To Be Announced**

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

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



National Council of the United States
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
End Poverty Through Systemic Change

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

Find out more about us:
<http://www.svdpsusa.org/Assistance-Services>



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!!

Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child

April 11 - Week 12 – Since my mom’s body is changing as I am growing her clothing is starting to fit very differently and has a little bit of a bump on her belly. I am hoping that she will tell other people about me now. Maybe if she talks to her friends and family about me they will encourage her to let me grow. I want to meet her in a few more months, even if she can’t take care of me and she decides to let someone else do that. **“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.”**



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.

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. The prayer centers around saving all souls in the world for Jesus and His earthly mission. The Blessed Mother helps us to intercede with Jesus in the redemption of all people, even the most hardened sinners. Please join us for this very important Mission of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. For more information contact Michelle White: mwhitehfn@gmail.com.

*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, USN E-3A0AN
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



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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 Thursday 22 April 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.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

Divine Mercy Invitation
 Anyone interested in joining our Divine Mercy Ministry, please contact Paula Rhoads at 484-942-7670 or Diane Hospador at dvinemercy56@gmail.com. We pray daily for the sick and dying in our community and also have volunteer opportunities at the St. Francis Home, a Catholic Hospice in Shillington. To tour the hospice, consider volunteering, or just want more information please call us. We would love to have you be part of our team.

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,



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for 6 important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at FaithHopeCharity-Gives.org.

Widow and Widowers Grief Support : Grief has a voice. When it is your voice, what you are hearing is the worst grief of all. The words, "When I lost my husband," or "When I lost my wife," are powerful. A support group 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 to inquire.

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.

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



We walk by Faith,
 not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7

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

