

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



St. Columbkille Parish

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Nov 20, 2016

Feast of Christ The King

End of Ordinary Time

“Today you
will be with
me in
Paradise.”



Luke
23:
35-43

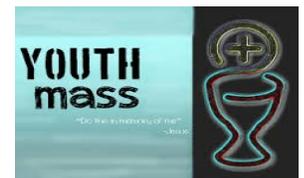
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

IS HEARD EVERY
SATURDAY FROM
4 P.M. TO 4:45 P.M.
BEFORE THE
SATURDAY
EVENING VIGIL
MASS

ST. COLUMBKILLE PARISHIONERS

Our first Sunday
6pm Youth Mass will be
held
December 11th with our
new teen group leading
song.

Come and join us!



New parishioners & Guests at St. Columbkille
You are MOST WELCOME!!

You can register on our website or at the Parish Office

Extended Adoration at St. Columbkille begins Nov. 28th

Will be for approx. 104 hours per week using the following schedule in Holy Family Chapel.

Mondays 10:00 a.m. to Midnight

Tuesdays Midnight to Midnight

Wednesdays Midnight to Midnight

Thursdays Midnight to Midnight

Fridays Midnight to 6 p.m. (Followed by Benediction)

**WE STILL NEED 84 DEDICATED
ADORERS!!**

**WE CAN'T LEAVE JESUS ALONE!
PLEASE SIGN UP ON LINE!**

SEE “LINK” ON OUR HOME PAGE!

Fr. Marty thought it appropriate to begin in the Season of Advent. This is a NEW beginning for us as a parish and Advent is the beginning of the Church Liturgical Year.

Our over-riding theme is "*O Come Let Us Adore Him!*"

PLEASE NOTE: When you sign up, you are committing to that day and hour of adoration week after week. What an awesome opportunity!

That hour is your reserved time with Christ!



**Upcoming Holy Days:
December 8
Immaculate Conception**

A Regular Holy Day
of Obligation
Click calendar on
Home Page of our
Website for Masses.

PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY: November 21
9:00am-Lucille Melcher Erb by Kim, Louise &
Ryan Hannahoe

TUESDAY: November 22
9:00am— John W. Leap by Ken and Carol Reber

WEDNESDAY: November 23
9:00am-Elmer & Anna Gilbert by Donald &
Sandy Gilbert

THURSDAY: November 24
9:00am-Mary & Tom Soper by Tori & Family

FRIDAY: November 25 NO MASS TODAY

SATURDAY: November 26
5:00pm—Tammy Lumley Foreman by Mom and Dad

SUNDAY: November 27
7:30am-Elizabeth T. Polinitz by Dolores & Dave Young
9:00am-Constance Koneski by Aldene Koch
11:00am -Joseph B. Deklinski by Bob and Diane

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased Members of our
Parish

Mary Ceil Landry & Roberta Sarro

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased who
are Relatives of Parishioners

Angeline Leap, mother of Carol Reber

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Mon: November 21 Fr. Edward Ifkovits
Tue: November 22 Fr. Guency Isaac
Wed: November 23 Fr. Stephan Isaac
Thu: November 24 Msgr. David James
Fri: November 25 Fr. Richard James
Sat: November 26 Fr. Ronald Jankaitis
Sun: November 27 Fr. Dennet Jung

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Come strengthen your faith on **Wednesday** at **7:00 PM** in the Hall downstairs. We are open to gifts of the Holy Spirit, scripture, music joyfully praising the Lord. Scripture based teaching given each week. Let us intercede for you. For more info call Sue T. at: 610.367.4711 or email at: dondenick@comcast.net

Please Pray

For the following Intentions...

For Our Family Members in the Military

*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
LCDR Brian Blair
Sergeant Steve Lafond
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
Corporal Joshua Taylor
Matthew R. Goldschmidt, USN
2nd Lieutenant Dana DeMartino
Senior Airman Corey Kelch
2nd Lieutenant Zachary Bregovi
Lance Corporal Andrew J. Carpenter*

Prayer:

*"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.*

Altar Flowers

In Memory of Norma Geigus by
Maryann, Austin & Dylan Lee

In Celebration of Poppy's First Birthday,
Patti Kemp's granddaughter

Sanctuary Candle

Ruth Pushkar by Mike & Maryann Brennan and Family

Bread and Wine

In Grateful Thanksgiving on 60th Wedding Anniversary of Ethel and Jerry Theisen

Apologetics-Defending the Faith

So you're at a holiday celebration and a Protestant acquaintance says the following to you:

"Since Jesus rose from the dead and now lives in glory, why do you Catholics dwell morbidly on his death by keeping his body on the cross? Why not display an empty cross, as we do?"

ANSWER

We like to follow Paul's example and counsel. Remember that it was he who wrote, "We, for our part, preach a crucified Christ; to the Jews indeed a stumbling block and to the Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men" (1 Cor 1:23-25).

Here's another verse to remember: "And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with pretentious speech or wisdom, announcing unto you the witness to Christ. For I determined not to know anything among you, except Jesus Christ, and him crucified." (1 Cor 2:1-2)

You seem to forget the many examples of Catholic art in which Jesus is depicted as a lamb, an infant in his mother's arms, a vibrant man engaged in his public ministry, a shepherd, and as the triumphant risen Lord. All of the aspects of Christ's life are represented in Catholic art, but none more than the Crucifixion. Why? Because that was the goal, the focal point, of Jesus' Incarnation.

Answered by: Catholic Answers Staff

Extended Eucharistic Adoration

This space will be updated each week. Please search your hearts and answer Our Lord's call to you. He is calling you by name! Thanks for signing up!

Our Lord needs 198 Adorers by Nov 28th.
As of Nov 14th we have 115 adorers signed up!
Still needed 84 adorers!

***You can sign up from Our Parish Website. Check out our Home Page for instructions or stop in the Parish office and see Lisa.**

Christmas Crèche Memorial

An Opportunity to Perpetually Remember a Loved One

A MESSAGE FROM FR. MARTY

You may have noticed that last year we were able to acquire a Nativity Set made by the Dolfi Studio in Italy. It was in our diocesan warehouse where sacred objects are stored after parishes are closed.

This Nativity set had been in Saint Joseph Church in Girardville, PA. I would like to memorialize the set (or figures in groups or individually).

We will have a plaque made and placed near the Nativity each Christmas season. **Since Christmas is coming quickly if anyone is interested in this loving memorial, please let me know as soon as possible. It is a very fitting way to remember our loved ones.**

I know that personally, every time I take the ciboria out of the tabernacle, I am comforted knowing that my family donated that in honor of my father. His name is inscribed on the lid. He is still close and remembered on the altar.
Call Lisa at Parish Office for details!

Fr. Marty

***St. Vincent DePaul—Christ the King
Last Week of Ordinary Time***

Nov 20:

Today as we celebrate Christ the King, may we open the door of our heart so wide that we may listen to the voice of Jesus calling us to help build his kingdom here on earth. **In the month of November, through your gifts, the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry was able to help build the kingdom of God by assisting those in need. Thank You!**

Youth Group

Letters to God: 5 Reasons to keep a journal

by JURELL SISON

I had a teacher for my writing class that didn't believe in sugar-coating life. Honesty was the only thing that made for good writing—even if the truth hurt. One day he pulled out a small book from his bag. It had a black cover and the pages looked yellow and worn out. "So... does anyone in here use a journal?" He asked. Not waiting long for our class' response he mumbled, "Hmm... that's too bad."

He continued to explain that his journal was his sanctuary, the place where he found safety and calm. He wrote down all the experiences that inspired him, all his thoughts, and most importantly his struggles. It was the place where he processed the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of life.

"Don't be fooled." He warned us, "This isn't a diary. It's a secret weapon, a tool for your success... for your happiness."

Immediately after class I drove to the bookstore and bought my first journal. Ten years and five journals later, you'll find my own worn-out journal in my backpack. So what's the big hype about journaling? What can it do for you?

Here are five reasons why you should start a journal today. (Reason #1: Next Week)

Teen Music Group for Sunday 6:30pm Mass

We are beginning a teen music group to serve monthly at several **6:30 pm Masses beginning on December and continuing through April.**

Any teen singer or musician, who would like to participate is welcome. **Our next practice is in the Ehst Room on Sunday, November 13 from 6:30 pm to 8:30pm.**

Young Adult Group (ages 18 to 35)

The next **Theology on Tap**, hosted by the Diocese of Allentown's Youth and Young Adult Ministry Office, will be at **7:00pm on Monday, November 21st at Viva Bistro and Lounge in Reading, PA.** If interested, please let Heather know. Plans to carpool will be arranged.

The next Logos and Lagers Bible Study is on Thursday, December 1st from 7-8:30pm. This event will be held at St. Ignatius Parish in Reading, PA.

Youth Group Events



THANK YOU!...

To everyone who came out to Birthright to help them with their Fall Newsletter. We completed the entire project and Birthright was extremely grateful. Keep praying for all the unborn babies in the world and their mothers. Also, continue to pray for places like Birthright who are committed to helping mothers keep their babies!

Mission Trip/Steubenville

Please make sure to turn in your deposit for Steubenville and our new Mission Trip by this weekend. If you are going on one or both trips, please send in a \$25.00 deposit along with which trip(s) you are participating in! A price will be determined after there is a final count of students participating. Any questions, please ask Heather.

Poinsettia Sale/Fundraiser

December 3rd 10:00am to 6:00pm

December 4th 7:30am to 12:00pm

Please sign up to help sell poinsettias for our annual fundraiser at St. Columbkil's Winter Festival. The money raised from this fundraiser will go to help offset the costs of our Mission trip and Steubenville trip. Sign ups are in the Narthex. You can also email Heather at youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org if you are interested in helping out.

Coming up....

**Monthly Meeting- Sunday, December 11th
12:00-2:00pm**

**Saturday, December 17th- 5:00-10:00pm
"Wrapping for God" Fundraiser**

Heather Shainline, our Youth Group & Young Adult Group Director can be reached via email at: youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org

Message from St. Francis Academy Our Parish Elementary School



St. Francis Academy

610 Pine Road
Bally, PA

Parish School News: St. Francis Academy.

Nov. 22 – 9 A.M.
Thanksgiving Liturgy
Early dismissal 12:00 p.m.

Nov. 23 —No school
Nov. 29.—Classes Resume



A big thank you to the Reading Music Foundation
for another great presentation.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Youth Joke-of-the-week

Fr. O'Malley tells of a time, during the early years of his priesthood, when he was due to lead a parish mission in a town in South Carolina, and he needed to mail a letter.

He asked a little boy he met while walking down the street how he could get to the post office.

After the boy had given him directions, Fr. O'Malley said, "If you come to St. Luke's Church tonight for our prayer service, I'll tell you how to get to heaven."

The boy replied, "No thanks Father, heck, you don't even know how to get to the post office!"

Calling all 2nd to 6th graders who love to sing!! Our Children's choir sings at the 11 am Mass on the second Sunday of each month. Practices are Wednesday's from 5:30pm to 6 pm in the Ehst Room.

St. Francis Academy & Middle States

Middle States Evaluation – During the week of Oct. 16-19, our school was visited by three educational professionals to determine our re-accreditation. On Wednesday, after the noon dismissal, the entire staff met with the team for the "Oral Report". This is a preliminary report before the final written report is evaluated and sent to our school. The Middle States team described our school as "a little piece of heaven". Their report was glowing! The chairwoman stated she had visited over 50 schools and has never been so complimentary in her reports and observations. She described the teacher and student interviews (from grades pre-k – 8th) as a consistent love for our school. She stated that SFA is truly a "family".

As I stated at the opening dinner, I am in complete "awe" of the dedication of all the teachers, staff, and volunteers at our school. I am afraid to thank the numerous parents who volunteered during those three days for fear of leaving someone out. Our Lord knows who you are.

We all pay school taxes and sending your child to a Catholic school is a great sacrifice. Why are we paying extra money for education when we don't have to? Why are we doing this? **Because** in our school, we pray every day ...**Because** in our school, we teach religion...**Because** in our school, there is nothing more important than God and how we treat each other...**Because** our school is priceless and we want the best for our kids!

God bless you and your families...
Deacon Murphy

"Music for Chao" November 20th

A concert to benefit a Dominican family in need.

The Concert will be Nov 20 at 3 PM in the Church. St. Columbkil's, 200 Indian Spring Road, Boyertown, 19512

Join us for an evening of Classical String and Vocal Performances

Featuring Michael Repko and friends.

A free will offering will be collected and all proceeds will go toward the support of Abraham Garcia Figueroa (Chao) and his family, wife Yudely, daughter Yuliedy (6 years old) and baby due in November.

St. Columbkil's Mission Immersion Team will be providing insight into life in the Dominican Republic and the hardships faced by this young family.

We will celebrate the family, our good fortune and our ability to help others in need. Light refreshments to follow in Quinn Hall.

Father Marty's Corner

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**. This solemnity concludes the liturgical year as next Sunday we begin the season of Advent. We conclude Saint Luke's gospel which is Cycle C in the lectionary (book of readings from the Sacred Scriptures to be used at Mass) and we begin the gospel of Saint Matthew which is Cycle A.

The change of gospels marks the beginning of a new Church year. The readings from Sacred Scripture over the last few weeks have reflected the end times or the apocalypse. The final things would be death, judgement, heaven and hell. These are the themes of the end times. It is appropriate that we do reflect on these realities and the Church year provides us with this opportunity each November. This reflection culminates with this feast we celebrate today. In Saint Luke's gospel, we are at the cross where Christ is reigning as King from His throne on the cross.

In this passage, He does not speak until the very end when He promises paradise. In this scene, the criminal (who we know as the Good Thief) challenges the other criminal to be



mindful of the actions that have brought him to his crucifixion. He then points out clearly that Jesus has not done anything criminal. This "Good Thief" speaks those words that resonate in the heart of the Christian "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Then we hear the words of Jesus Himself ***"Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."*** Our hope...the hope of all sinners...paradise!

This week we will celebrate Thanksgiving as a nation. As the Eucharist is the perfect thanksgiving to God for all He has done for us, I invite you to consider coming to Mass at 9 AM on Thanksgiving morning to orient your thanks to God at the beginning of the day if you are able. You are also invited to celebrate as a community in Boyertown our annual ecumenical service on Monday night at 7 PM at Good Shepherd UCC (the church with the clock in the tower) on Philadelphia Avenue. Blessings!

Feast of Christ the King—Gospel Luke: 23: 35-43

The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers jeered at him. As they approached to offer him wine they called out, "If you are King of the Jews, save yourself." Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews."

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us." The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply, "Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation? And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man has done nothing criminal."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."
He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

STEWARDSHIP

Facilities Faith Lift

Thank you for your continued support of our Facilities Faith Lift Campaign. Your support and prayers have been and continue to be vitally important to the success of our three year campaign.



July 1st marked our one year anniversary.

We will continue to accept new pledges at any time during our campaign. Please contact Gayle at the parish office if you wish to fill out a commitment card to pledge. We have reached our \$1,000,000 goal in pledges received... **we are still accepting pledges!!** Your continued generous support is appreciated.

Please don't forget your pennies for our Penny Pledge. There is a container in the Narthex to accept your pennies as you come for weekly Mass. Our next goal is \$7,500 and we are well on our way with total deposits to date of **\$7,018.64!** At this rate we are on track to exceed our \$10,000 goal.

Please contact **Gayle Fontaine** at the parish office if you have any questions at all concerning your pledge payment. Thank you for your continued support of our Facilities Faith Lift Campaign!

What does Scripture say about Stewardship?

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.
—1 Peter 4:10

You have been told, O man, what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: Only to do the right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.
—Micah 6:8

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be given you besides.
—Matthew 6:33

Weekly Collections

Fiscal Year July 2016 to June 2017

Weekend of November 5 & 6

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| Wkly. offering necessary for Budget..... | \$13,750.00 |
| Actual Weekly Offering | \$14,983.66 |
| Net Weekly Overage..... | \$1,233.66 |
| YTD Budget Offering | \$261,250.00 |
| YTD Actual Offering Income..... | \$259,817.63 |
| YTD Shortage..... | -\$1,432.63 |

Weekend of November 12 & 13

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| Wkly. offering necessary for Budget..... | \$13,750.00 |
| Actual Weekly Offering | \$14,334.91 |
| Net Weekly Overage..... | \$584.91 |
| YTD Budget Offering..... | \$275,000.00 |
| YTD Actual Offering Income..... | \$274,152.54 |
| YTD Shortage..... | -\$847.46 |

THANK YOU CHILDREN!!

We want to THANK all the children of our parish for their "stewardship" in saving their pennies and donating them to our Facilities Faith Lift. When Jesus said in the Gospel, "Let the Children come to me" He was talking about all of you! Through your efforts we have passed the \$7,000 mark in pennies donated. The actual total is **\$7,018.64.** You are all truly doing His work here at our parish in Boyertown.

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!

Parish News and Information

Wedding Announcement!

OUR SENIORS GROUP

Monday, December 12, 2016
Rainbow Comedy Playhouse
"Green Holly & Gray Potatoes"
\$60/group member \$65/guest



Payment due November 10, 2016

Tuesday, January 10, 2017
Sands Casino Bethlehem
\$20/group member \$25/guest

April 27-30, 2017
Azalea Festival & Tattoo Show - Norfolk, Virginia
\$550/double \$718/single
\$100 due at sign up, balance due 3/1/17

For information about trips or to sign up
Contact Peg Bryan at 610 754-7516 or email at
stcolumbseniortrips@comcast.net

Did you know?

That although bible scholars differ on many things, today most claim that the Gospel of Mark is said to be the earliest gospel with an authorship of between A.D. 55 to A.D. 70. Followed by Matthew's, Luke's and then John's Gospel.

QUESTION? When Jesus was brought to the Temple on the 8th day after birth, what name was he given? (Hint...it wasn't Jesus!)

Last Week's Answer: Among the 12 Apostles, there were 4 Fisherman, a tax collector and a Galilean zealot. Can you name these 6 apostles? Andrew, Peter, James the Great & John were fishermen. Matthew was the tax collector and Simon was the zealot!

NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCIL (PLACE IN COLLECTION BASKET OR DROP OFF @ OFFICE)

Each year at this time we approach our parish family seeking nominations for Parish Council. The Parish Council is the administrative arm of our parish and spearheads all our ministries. It is the clearing house for all parish activities. The Council is composed of 9 elected members plus 5 staff members (including the Finance Officer). Members are elected for a three-year term, renewable once. Parish Council meets monthly on the 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to nominate yourself and/or other parishioners by using the ballot below.

NAME: _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____



CONGRATULATIONS....

and Prayerful Best Wishes to
Carissa Slawecki and Stephen Campbell who were made one in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Marty Kern

"Love Lights"

The Human Concerns Ministry will be selling "Love Lights" after all masses on the weekends of **November 27 through December 11** for \$4.00 each. Love Lights may be purchased "In Memory of a Special Loved One" or "In Honor of Someone Special."

The love light dove is placed on the tree in the Narthex from the fourth Sunday of Advent through Epiphany Sunday. The person purchasing the love light receives a beautiful Christmas card that may be sent to the person they are honoring or shared with others commemorating the memory of their loved one. Proceeds from the love light sales will benefit the John Paul II Center for Special Learning.

Widows & Widowers Support Group

The next "REACH OUT" session meeting will be on November 27th at MBS, Fr Schneider Hall. Those who have lost a loved one know that other losses are apt to re-engage, especially those that were unresolved or recent. The support of those who understand is most needed.

For more information and for **anyone** who has suffered a loss of **any one** close to them, please call Deacon Mike Boyle at 484-336-9849.



Other Information and News

Parish Office Closed: The Parish Office will be closed on Thanksgiving & the day after: Nov 24 & 25.

LAOH Announcement

The LAOH is holding a bake sale on Saturday Nov 19 and Sunday Nov 20 after all the Masses. Please stop by for all your favorite cookies, cakes and assorted desserts.

Christmas Caroling

All are welcome to join us as the "Columbkill Carolers" take to the hallways of Pennsburg Manor on Thursday evening, December 15th. No singing experience is required, just the desire to bring cheer to the residents. We will meet in the lobby of Pennsburg Manor at 6:30pm. *B.Y.O.V. Bring Your Own Voice!* Questions? Contact Candee Holzman at 484-431-2085 or email her at: candeeh@stcolumbkill.org

Attention Parents of Preschoolers

Are you aware that we have a Sunday morning preschool class for our 3, 4 and 5 year-olds? It meets during the 11:00 mass in room 101 every Sunday except the second Sunday of the month when we have the Children's Mass.

We have wonderful dedicated catechists waiting to share their love of God with your children. To register go to our website and find the form under "Religious Education" or contact our DRE Connie Boyer with any questions you might have. Your little ones will enjoy the interactive and fun program and you will enjoy peace and quiet at mass. Give it a try!

Email Connie at: connieb@stcolumbkill.org

Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Server

The next Ministry Schedule will begin the weekend of December 10, 2016 and run through Sunday, March 12, 2017. Please submit any unavailable dates to Lisa DeSimone at lisad@stcolumbkill.org, or drop a note in the collection basket, or call the church office at 610-367-2371 no later than Monday, November 21, 2016. ***There will be sign up sheets in the Narthex for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Thanks for your wonderful support!!!***

Christmas Wafers

Christmas wafers which are imprinted with a religious design of the Christmas season, and which are traditionally shared at the main Christmas meal are available in the Parish Office. **A small donation Requested.**

PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Parish Advent Celebration

Save the date! - **December 10th 6 PM (after 5 pm Mass)**

Food...Activities for the kids...A special guest.



Staff Directory

Pastor - Father Martin F. Kern

Deacons - James Kochu, Joseph L. Paschall, Joseph Petrauskas, Michael V. Woodall, Emeritus

Administrative Assistants - Lisa De Simone:
lisad@stcolumbkill.org

Along with: Mary Lou Heisler, and Joann Rivera

Chief Financial Officer/Campaign Coordinator -
Gayle B. Fontaine

Parish Visitor - Sister Jean Wickenheiser OSF
Parish School, St. Francis Academy -

Deacon Thomas J. Murphy, Headmaster

Director of Preschool—Adriana Segaline;
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Director of Religious Education - Constance J. Boyer:
connieb@stcolumbkill.org

Coordinators of Religious Education
Patricia & Joseph Petrauskas

Directors of Youth Ministry - Heather Shainline:
youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org

Director of Music - Deborah Maskrey

Director Communications/Marketing -

George A. DeFrehn, OFS: georged@stcolumbkill.org

RCIA Coordinator—Margaret Chovanes 610-248-2171

Volunteer Coordinators—Mary Snyder & Robert Chisholm

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coord. - Wendy S Krisak,
MA, NCC, LPC Direct Line 800-791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coord. - Sr. Meg Cole,
SSJ,MS,LMFT, 610-332-0442, ext. 19

Christmas Craft & Food Festival

Dec 3 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Quinn Hall

Dec 4 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Quinn Hall

Fill your Christmas shopping list with unique items from our crafters. Purchase cookies and food specialty items.

For more info call Leona at 484-529-5423

Warming Tree & Gifts for AIDS Patients

The Human Concerns Ministry is again sponsoring the annual “Warming Tree” November 26 through December 11.

You may help to keep our neighbors warm this winter by bringing new, unwrapped gifts to put on or under the tree in the Narthex. The items will be distributed to area families in need by the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Items needed include baby sleepers, pajamas, mittens, gloves, socks, blankets, sweatshirts, sweatpants, or other warm clothing. There will also be baskets for donations to the Berks AIDS Network. Items that are needed by the Berks AIDS Network include toiletries such as deodorant, soap, body wash, shampoo, lotions, toothbrushes, toothpaste shaving cream, razors, mouthwash, combs, tissues, etc., Thank you for sharing your love with your neighbor!

Sacramental Life

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

- Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. or any time by contacting the Parish Office

Sacrament of Baptism

- 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:15 p.m.

- Baptism Prep Classes for parents and godparents are held the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 12:15 p.m. in the EHST Room.

Sacrament of Matrimony

- Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance.

All Couples must participate in the Marriage Prep Program.