

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



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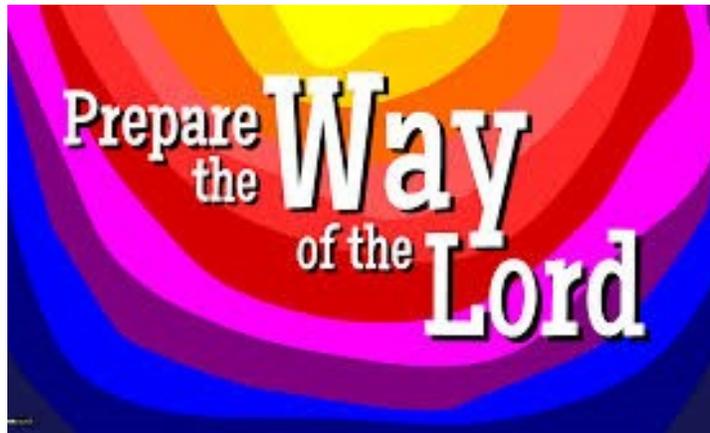
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Dec 11, 2016



“Tell
John...the
blind regain
their
sight, the
lame walk,
lepers are
cleansed, the
deaf hear, the
dead are
raised...”



Matt
11:
2-11

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

*ST. COLUMBKILL
PARISHIONERS*

*A huge THANK
YOU TO ALL who
participated in
making last
weekend's
Christmas Festival
such a success!*

*A blessed Christmas
to you all!*

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

You can register on our website or at the Parish Office

MARCH FOR LIFE JANUARY 27, 2017

Now is the time to schedule your vacation day from work if necessary, so you can join us for this incredible pep rally for LIFE! The 2017 March for Life is being held on Friday, January 27th.

The day begins in our church with Mass for the Unborn at 6:30am before boarding the bus to Washington, DC. The program on the National Mall begins at 12 noon and the March immediately follows.

Cost is \$50 per person which includes morning refreshments, bus transportation and buffet dinner on the return trip. To reserve a seat, please contact Lisa in the parish office at

610-367-2371 or Candee Holzman at 610-369-9887 or candeeh@stcolumbkille.org.

Reservation is confirmed when your payment is received.

LOOK on our Home Page to reserve and pay online!



Upcoming Holy Days:

**December 25
Christmas Day**

**January 1
Solemnity of Mary
Mother of God**

Both Holy Days fall on Sundays so obligation is taken care of with Sunday Mass attendance

PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY: DECEMBER 12

9:00 am—Harold Landis Jr. by Joan Crossley

TUESDAY: DECEMBER 13

9:00am—Gail L. Palladino on her 1st Anniversary of Death by Dave & Dayle Szymanski

WEDNESDAY: DECEMBER 14

9:00am—McCarrick and McDermott Families by the Murphy Family

THURSDAY: DECEMBER 15

9:00am—For the Intentions of Elizabeth Boyle

FRIDAY: DECEMBER 16

9:00am—Angela Mitchell by the Mitchell Family

SATURDAY: DECEMBER 17

5:00pm—Jim Foo Yong by Mimi and John Parente

SUNDAY: DECEMBER 18

7:30am—Harry Sweeney by Patty and Ray Olley

9:00am—Dominick and Caroline Di Guglielmo by daughter and son-in-law

11:00am -For the Intentions of Ginger Yanick by Dorothy Cooper

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

Senior Airman Corey Kelch

2nd Lieutenant Zachary Bregovi

Lance Corporal Andrew J. Carpenter

Prayer:

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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.

Please Pray for a deceased member of our parish family

David Johnston

Please pray for Recently Deceased who are relatives of our Parishioners.

Robert Hosgood, father of Stephanie Rowland

PRA Y FOR OUR PRIESTS

Mon: December 12 Father Robert Kosek

Tue: December 13 Father David Kozak

Wed: December 14 Deceased priests

Thu: December 15 Msgr. Robert Kozel

Fri: December 16 Father Daniel Kravatz

Sat: December 17 Father John Krivak

Sun: December 18 Father Thomas Kuller

Sanctuary Candle

For the Intentions of Mildred Fabrizio by son, Joe and daughter in-law Antonette

Bread and Wine

In Loving memory of Jared Pishock from Aunt Judy and Uncle Joe

Apologetics-Defending the Faith

How do you answer the charge that apologetics is divisive?

ANSWER

By acknowledging that in certain ways it is, in certain ways it isn't, but that in any case we must keep in mind that divisiveness isn't necessarily a bad thing.

Look at the ministry of Jesus. It was he who said, Do you think that I have come to establish peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law (Lk 12:51-53).

Christ also taught the need for people to heed his appointed messengers in the Church when he said, "Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me" (Lk 10:16).

Paul stressed the importance of being faithful to Christ by adhering to his teaching as it has been passed down by the Church. To Timothy he wrote, "Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us" (2 Tm 1:13).

Although Paul told Timothy to avoid foolish quarrels, he still instructed him to correct opponents with kindness, not just ignore their errors. To Titus Paul wrote, "Avoid foolish arguments, genealogies, rivalries, and quarrels about the law, for they are useless and futile. After a first and second warning, break off contact with a heretic, realizing that such a person is perverted and sinful and stands self-condemned" (Ti 3:9-11).

These passages indicate the importance of proper belief without minimizing the need for charity. Truth divides, although it need not involve acrimony.

Apologetics is the business of contending for the faith (Jude 3), without necessarily being contentious. In fact, when properly applied, apologetics can bring us closer to non-Catholics (and non-Christians) through better understanding of one another's beliefs.

ANSWER BY CATHOLIC STAFF @ Catholic.com

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!

As of Dec 5 we have 146 adorers signed up!

Still needed 52 adorers!

***You can sign up by calling 610-367-2371 or stopping in the Parish office and seeing 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

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas wafers are imprinted with a religious design of the Christmas season.

These are traditionally shared at the main Christmas meal are available in the Parish Office.

A small donation Requested.

Youth Group

Letters to God: 5 Reasons to keep a journal

by JURELL SISON

#3 Creative Evidence of God's Plan

I've been journaling for almost ten years and every now and again I find myself randomly reading my old entries. I'll open it, turn to a random page, look at the date, and it's as if I am reading my own biography. There was a time I spent two hours reading the whole journal because I was in awe of the ways that God worked with me through my doubts, pain, and fears. Some pages even had teardrops that bled into the ink.

My journals are evidence that I have been through some tough times in my life but even more so, it's proof that God has a plan for us and that our suffering is only temporary. **My prayers and my letters to God are all hard evidence that things get better.** In fact, they get more than better.

Document your current prayers and your struggles and be amazed at the ways God works in your life over the years. Write it down so that you can be living proof of someone who has died and risen with Christ.

Praise and Worship opportunity

There is a Praise and Worship opportunity called iWorship at Holy Guardian Angels Parish in Reading, PA. "Gathering around our Eucharistic Lord in Adoration to pray with other young people in our area. Worship led by talented musicians who draw young people deeper into the Eucharist. Local priests leading us in prayer and reflection offering the opportunity to go to confession."

The next iWorship night is Sunday, December 18th from 6:30-8:30pm at Holy Guardian Angels Parish. If any student is interested in participating and needs a ride, please let Heather know! Plans to carpool can be arranged if needed. Families can go on their own as well. This is not Youth Group sponsored event, however if you have been to Steubenville, this is a similar event!

Young Adult Group (ages 18 to 35)

The next monthly meeting will be Tuesday, December 20th at 6:00pm in the St. Columbkil Parish conference room. We will be making Christmas cards for the residents at Chestnut Knoll and Walnut Woods.

Bring a small treat or drink to share with everyone. We invite ALL Young Adults who have been away at college to this meeting. We would love to have you!

Youth Group Events



Mission Trip/Steubenville

There are still spots left for our Mission Trip to Dover, DE from **June 18th-June 24th**. There are also spots available for our Steubenville trip from **July 14th-July 16th**. FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR THESE TRIPS!!!! If interested, please contact Heather. A \$25.00 deposit is needed to hold your spot for one OR both trips. Heather must have **Final Count needed by Dec. 31** so let her know ASAP!

Monthly Meeting

Our December meeting will be on **Sunday, December 11th from 12:00-2:00pm**. A light lunch will be provided. Please let Heather know if you will be attending. Get ready for some Christmas Festivities!

Wrapping for God

The fundraiser "Wrapping for God" originally planned for Saturday, December 17th is **CANCELLED**. Thank you for understanding.

THANK YOU!

A huge thanks to all youth group members who helped sell poinsettias last weekend. Also a huge thank you to those parishioners who brought poinsettias last weekend. This truly will help us with our Mission Trip and Steubenville trips this summer. Thank you for your support!!!

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

Message from St. Francis Academy Our Parish Elementary School



St. Francis Academy

610 Pine Road
Bally, PA

Parish School News: St. Francis Academy.

Dec. 12 – First Penance for Second Grade 7:00 PM

Dec. 13 – School Liturgy 10:45 AM
Report cards will be distributed.

Dec. 15 – SFA Annual Christmas Pageant 7 PM
Doors open at 6:30 PM

Dec. 16 – Gr. 3 and 4 will visit the Boyertown Planetarium.

Plastic cash, always handy for the holidays. Wawa short hoagie coupons (no expiration)-\$5 available all year in the school office.

Make great stocking stuffers!

Calling all 2nd to 6th graders

If you love to sing!! Our Children's choir sings at the 11 am Mass on the second Sunday of each month. Practices are on Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Ehst Room. Please come join us!

Youth Joke of the Week!

After the wedding, the little ringbearer asked his father, "How many brides can the groom marry?"

"One," his father said. "Why do you ask?"
Because the priest said he could marry sixteen," the boy said, puzzled.

"How'd you come up with that?" his father asked.
"Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the priest said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

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

PRESCHOOL RELIGIOUS ED!

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

Father Marty's Corner

Today is Gaudete Sunday! The third Sunday of Advent is provided the option of using Rose colored vestments. This signifies the close proximity of the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord. Gaudete means *rejoice* and it comes from the first word of the Latin introit for this Sunday's celebration.

Ultimately, this Sunday celebration stirs up joy-filled hope in the dawning of our salvation that arrives with the Incarnation. Certainly, a reason to REJOICE! The second reading today, from the letter of Saint James, invites us to embrace the virtue of patience until the coming of the Lord. This is timely because the two-fold focus of the season of Advent is preparation for Christ's coming at Christmas and ultimately at the end of time. The letter further encourages us to take as an example of hardship and patience the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Their work was not easy and did indeed require extraordinary patience.

John the Baptist was certainly a prophet who this could be applied too as evidenced in today's gospel. He knew hardship and was long-suffering. Jesus affirms the exalted role of John the Baptist and his prophetic message yet emphasizes that the approaching kingdom of heaven will be greater with a reign of mercy, justice and healing for all.



Second Sunday of Advent

Gospel of Matthew 11: 2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see?

A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces.

Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.

Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Letter from James 5: 7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord.

See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains.

You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged.

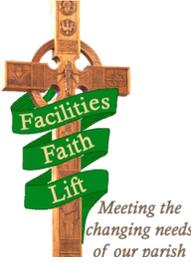
Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates.

Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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 **\$7,417.43!** 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 December 3 & 4

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$13,750.00
Actual Weekly Offering	\$17,214.91
Net Weekly Overage.....	\$3,464.91
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$316,250.00
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$317,667.77
YTD Overage.....	\$1,417.77

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 **\$7,417.43**. 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

OUR SENIORS GROUP

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



Payment due Now

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

April 27-30, 2017
Azalea Festival & Tatroo 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

"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.

Emmanuel Choir

Is need of singers, especially tenors and bases. This is a great ministry! Come join us! Call Kathy at:
610-944-6406 or email her at: k_piano99@yahoo.com

Did you know?

Jesus and John the Baptist are related? We know this from Scripture in Luke 1: v 36. "And behold, even your relative Elizabeth has also conceived a son in her old age; and she who was called barren is now in her sixth month." Thus, if Mary and Elizabeth are relatives so, too, are Jesus and John! You can look it up!

QUESTION? Who does the Church recognize as the First Martyr? When is their feast day?

Last Week's Answer: What is the Third Sunday of Advent called? What makes it different? It is called **Gaudete Sunday**. Gaudete in English means "Rejoice". (see Fr. Marty's Corner for full explanation on page 6).

Thus, instead of the priest wearing Purple Vestments, as in the other Sundays of Advent, he wears "Rose" colored ones. (THEY ARE NOT PINK :)

Widows & Widowers Support Group

The next "REACH OUT" session will be on **December 11th at St Columbkil's Church in the Office Meeting Room at 1 PM**. All are welcome. We ask for prayers for the families who are searching for the meaning of the Holidays without their loved ones. All come to recognize that Grief has a voice and when it is your voice, what you are hearing is the worst grief of all. The support of those who understand is most needed. The Reach Out sessions can help sort out and validate these complicated issues.

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

WELCOME
to our
PARISH

WELCOME

Richard and Louise Basile, Jan and Stephanie Bialoboki,
Allen and Karen Clouse, Bob Glenn, Tadeusz and Kyla Kaczerski,
James Lanahan, Michael and Patricia Miller, Robert and Kathryn Tilley,
Angel Warriner, Jason Thatcher, Carlo and Teresa Zulla



Other Information and News

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP--All men (and their sons) are invited to join Deacon Jim on **the first Tuesday of each month beginning in December and each first Tuesday thereafter**, to pray and share their concerns about our world's future, the future of our Church and the continuing formation of our faith in our lives. **Prayer meeting begins at 7 p.m. and will last approximately an hour.** We should always remember the words of Our Lord to his apostles who were also concerned about the future, "Be not afraid"!

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

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!!!***

St. Vincent DePaul—The Third Sunday of Advent

Dec 11: In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched, felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us. **Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry so that those in need can know the good news of Jesus.**

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please consider joining us if you knit or crochet. There is no cost to you, as we provide all the yarn needed. We meet the third Tuesday of each month in the office conference room, after the daily Mass. **Our next meeting is December 20th**, and we would love to have you join our group. Anyone in need of a shawl for someone, please stop in or call the office to make your request known. We try to fill all requests as soon as we possibly can. **In the month of November, we have given out three shawls as requested;** we have sent seven shawls to the Hospice House in Bethlehem; we delivered 20 Lap Robes to the Fox Chase Cancer Center; and we have delivered 10 more Lap Robes to the Pottstown Cancer Center.



Staff Directory

Pastor - Father Martin F. Kern

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

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Gayle B. Fontaine

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

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.

2016 Donation Report for Tax Statements If you would like to receive your family’s 2016 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. If you are a direct debit contributor, there is no need to send an envelope in. You will receive your contribution statement automatically. After receiving your request via envelope, we will begin sending out the contribution statements in mid-January.

2016 Campaign Pledge Reports for Tax Statements

All parishioners who have made a pledge to our **Facilities Faith Lift Campaign** will receive a 2016 year end statement by January 31.

Sacramental Life

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

- Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 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.