

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



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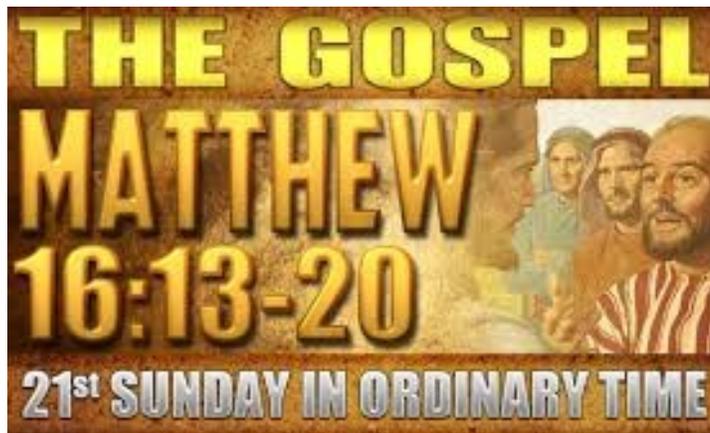
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27 Aug 2017

21st Sunday
Ordinary Time

"Who do
people say
that the Son
of Man
is?"



Matt
16:
13-20

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

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!!!!

Cursillo Weekends for Men & Women in Allentown Diocese



This year the Men's Cursillo Weekend is from October 12 thru October 15, 2017 and the Women's weekend is from October 19 thru October 22, 2017. Both weekends will be held at the Saint Francis Center for Renewal in Bethlehem, PA.

What is a Cursillo Weekend about? Great question! Visit the Cursillo Movement website at: www.allentown-cursillo.org

An added treat for both St. Columbkille and Most Blessed Sacrament's men is that *Msgr. Coyle, former pastor at MBS, is the Spiritual Director for the men's weekend!*

And for the women it will be Fr. Richard Brensinger!

If you've haven't done anything for yourself spiritually in the last few years...a Cursillo Weekend is for you. Always, remember that Jesus is calling each of us by name...He may be calling you now! Hope you can join us. For more information, contact the Lay Director of Cursillo, Woody Siciliano at: 610 779-0225 or email at: wdy561@yahoo.com

St. Columbkille
All Guests and
New
Parishioners are
most

WELCOME!

Please go to our
home page where
you can register
online to join our
wonderful parish
family!

PARISH
OFFICE
IS
CLOSED ON
SEPTEMBER 4
FOR THE
LABOR DAY
HOLIDAY

PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 28

9:00 AM – Angeline Leap by Lisa De Simone

Tuesday, August 29

9:00 AM – Intentions of Fr. Marty by Jim and Josie Lumley

Wednesday, August 30

9:00 AM – For All the Poor Souls

Thursday, August 31

9:00 AM – Lorraine Gai on First Anniversary of Death by Carl and Loretta Lawlor

Friday, September 1

9:00 AM – Mary (Sugar) Holets by the Cramsey Family

Saturday, September 2

5:00 PM – Donald Gehringer Sr. by Rita & Tom Droege

Sunday, September 3

7:30 AM – Donna Rhoads by Aunt Tootie

9:00 AM - Those Enrolled in the Iona Memorial Fund

11:00 AM – Marcella Sweeney by Bill and Jean Watkins

*Please Pray
For the
following
Intentions...*



For Our Family Members in the Military

Seaman Recruit Steve Hoffa

SPC Jeremy Larson

Jonathan Taylor

Staff Sgt. Robert Preston

1st Lieutenant Dana DeMartino

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

USN Petty Officer Matthew R. Goldschmidt

Senior Airman Corey Kelch

2nd Lieutenant Zachary Bregovi

Lance Corporal Andrew J. Carpenter

PV2 Somer Leanne Guhl -1st Calvary Division

PV2 Ray Fazio

SFC Ommannan Gonzalez

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.”

Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of Caroline Di Guglielmo on the 10th Anniversary of her Death by daughter and son-in-law

Bread and Wine

: In Loving Memory of Antonette Williams on her Birthday Anniversary by Granddaughter, Antonette & Husband Joe

Altar Flowers

In Loving Memory of Bob Hartman by Mr. and Mrs. Keith Fronheiser

Please Pray for Deceased Relatives of Parishioners

Elenore Escott mother of Steve Escott

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

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|------|--------|---------------------------|
| Mon: | Aug 28 | Fr. Daniel Kravatz |
| Tue: | Aug 29 | Fr. John Krivak |
| Wed: | Aug 30 | Fr. Thomas Kuller |
| Thu: | Aug 31 | Fr. Joseph Kweder |
| Fri: | Sep 01 | His Holiness Pope Francis |
| Sat: | Sep 02 | Pope Emeritus Benedict |
| Sun: | Sep 03 | Bsp. Emeritus Ed Cullen |

Extended Adoration

Hours of Adoration in our Holy Family Chapel

Mondays 10 a.m. to Midnight

Tuesdays Midnight to Midnight

Wednesdays Midnight to Midnight

Thursdays Midnight to Midnight

Fridays Midnight to 5:45 p.m.

*5:45 p.m. Benediction is celebrated on Fridays

Catechism of the Catholic Church

363. What is freedom?

Freedom is the power given by God to act or not to act, to do this or to do that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. Freedom characterizes properly human acts. The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. Freedom attains its proper perfection when it is directed toward God, the highest good and our beatitude. Freedom implies also the possibility of choosing between good and evil. The choice of evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to the slavery of sin.

Further reading: CCC [1730-1733](#), [1743-1744](#)

364. What is the relationship between freedom and responsibility?

Freedom makes people responsible for their actions to the extent that they are voluntary, even if the imputability and responsibility for an action can be diminished or sometimes cancelled by ignorance, inadvertence, duress, fear, inordinate attachments, or habit.

Further reading: CCC [1734-1737](#), [1745-1746](#)

365. Why does everyone have a right to exercise freedom?

The right to the exercise of freedom belongs to everyone because it is inseparable from his or her dignity as a human person. Therefore this right must always be respected, especially in moral and religious matters, and it must be recognized and protected by civil authority within the limits of the common good and a just public order.

Further reading: CCC [1738](#), [1747](#)

366. What place does human freedom have in the plan of salvation?

Our freedom is weakened because of original sin. This weakness is intensified because of successive sins. Christ, however, set us free "so that we should remain free" (*Galatians 5:1*). With his grace, the Holy Spirit leads us to spiritual freedom to make us free co-workers with him in the Church and in the world.

Further reading: CCC [1739-1742](#), [1748](#)

Ministries & News

The next Ministry Schedule will begin the weekend of Saturday, September 30, 2017 and run through Sunday, December 17, 2017. Please submit any unavailable calendar 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 Wednesday **September 13, 2017**.

We are now preparing for our St. Columbkil 2017-2018 Preschool Year. So...if you have a child (children) who will be either 3 years or 4 years of age on or before September 10, 2017

We are Registering NOW! Please use this link to register your child (children) & follow the instructions. There is a one time registration fee of \$35 that you can also pay online at this same link. <https://stcolumbkill.org/preschool-registration-forms>

Any questions, email Adriana Segaline, our Director at: preschool@stcolumbkill.org or call her at 610-367-2371 x108.

Sep 27th—A Day to Save!

Together, You and Pope Francis can lead the world in helping migrants and refugees Pope Francis is being joined by bishops across the U.S. and around the world in launching a global campaign to support our brothers and sisters who have fled their homes seeking a decent and safe life for their families. This historic campaign will respond to some of the most desperate of God's children — and needs your leadership and inspiration.

You can help your diocese, parish, school or other organization participate in the Share the Journey campaign along with Pope Francis, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Catholic Charities USA, and the Church's global charitable network, Caritas Internationalis. Through prayers and acts of compassion and support, you can help mobilize at this pivotal moment, shaping conversations and actions to answer the Gospel call to love our neighbors.

September 27: The official launch in Rome by Pope Francis
October 7–13: Week of Prayer and Action across the U.S.

Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

UPCOMING EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING FOR OUR YOUTH GROUP WILL BE ON **SEPTEMBER 10TH FROM 12 P.M. TO 2 P.M.**

FALL NEWSLETTER

Will be out shortly...keep watching!

Lastly....

A year ago at this time, **Heather Shainline** took over the position as Youth Group Director. If you've ever read the book, "Rebuilt" by Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran, you might remember that they state, besides the Pastor, the Youth Director may be the most important job in the parish. If you haven't read it, I recommend it highly. Without a vibrant Youth Group...without enthusiastic young Catholics...parishes will eventually die. We've witnessed this throughout the United States.

Well, the Holy Spirit led Heather to St. Columbkille and we are so grateful she said **"YES"** to God's call to lead our young people. Thru the many, many meetings, activities and events, the Mission Trip to Dover, DE the Steubenville Weekend, and yes, trips to see our Fightin' Phils in Reading...she continues to bring boundless energy and "love" to this calling.

So...if you see Heather at Mass, around the parish, at a picnic, at the food store, in the neighborhood or even at a Fightin' Phils game...please tell her "Thank You" and give her a hug!

Fr. Marty and the entire staff of the parish send our sincere thanks, too!

Love you Heather!!!

St. Columbkille Youth Band

Remember those great Sunday Night Masses we had in Winter and Spring at 6 p.m.? **The music was provided by our St. Columbkille Youth Band.** Well, we are now in need of more singers and musicians! Yes...the band is growing and getting back together again. So please, share your talents with the rest of our vibrant parish...email **Alyssa Mraz** at: alyssamraz5@gmail.com.

Life Teen Blog

St. Columbkille has Extended Adoration!

As many of you may know by now, we have extended Adoration in our Holy Family Chapel 5 days a week, Monday thru Friday around the clock beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday and concluding at 6 p.m. on Friday. Jesus "loves" all of us and wants to see you! So stop in and say "hi"...He's calling you by name!

A Beginner's Guide to Adoration by [CAITLIN SICA](#)

5 Ways to be Successful in Adoration

Have you ever gone to adoration? Have you tried, but felt defeated like I first did, and occasionally still do? Here's a list of 5 ways to be successful in adoration:

1. **Be Patient...**I was recently talking with a group of friends about their experiences of adoration. A lot of them expressed the same frustration—that sometimes, time seems to stand still, 5 minutes seem eternal. Have you ever been out of shape and tried to go for a one mile run. Suddenly, 5 minutes into the run, you're huffing and puffing and you realize you've only gone one block. Rather than focusing on the success — you just ran for the first time in months!! — we tend to focus on the defeat. Adoration can be a bit of a work out... for your soul. So set yourself up for success. If it's been awhile, or your first time, 5 minutes of sitting with Jesus is a good goal. Slowly increase your time—you'll be amazed at how God increases your capacity to be with Him!

<http://lifeteen.com/blog/a-beginners-guide-to-adoration/>



Message from St. Francis Academy Our Parish Elementary School



St. Francis Academy

668 Pine Street
Bally, PA
www.sfabally.org

Parish School News: St. Francis Academy
Aug. 29- First day of school for Gr. K through 8.

Welcome Back!

Aug. 30 – First day of school for Pre-K.

Sept. 1 – No School

Welcome new staff members! Mrs. Susan Stroud- grade 6 Teacher, Mrs. Maria Crail-Pre-K Teacher and Mrs. Emily Conrad- Librarian. Best wishes to Mrs. Boyer as she retires from St. Francis Academy. Thank you for a job well done.

St. Francis Academy will be celebrating 275 years of Catholic education during the 2017-2018 school year. Stay tuned for details of our events.

Registration continues for the 2017-18 school year, PreK-8, offering a full day Kindergarten program. Please call the school or visit our website, www.sfabally.org, for more information.

Plastic cash will be sold at school starting Wednesday, September 6, during the school day. It will be sold on Mon, Wed, and Fridays.

YOUTH HUMOR FOR THIS WEEK

MOSES AND THE RED SEA

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in CCD Class.

'Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.'

'Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his mother asked.

'Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!'

Yes, both Mom and Moses were smiling!

Children's Sunday Mass

As summer draws to a close, we have some wonderful things to look forward to, one of them being the return of our Children's Sunday Mass. **The Children's Sunday Mass is held at 11 am on the second Sunday of every month from September to June** and is a wonderful opportunity for families to attend Mass together and for our children and youth to serve!!

We started the Children's Mass two years ago to get our young people excited about attending Mass by giving them a chance to be a part of it.

Anyone, age 5 years or older, can be a greeter or a gift bearer. Anyone who is at least 10 years old can be an usher. Anyone who has received the Sacrament of Holy Communion can be a lector.

Our first Children's Sunday Mass for the Fall will be on September 10th at 11:00 am and this is your chance to join us!! Sister Jean and Megan Repko will be available after Mass to answer any questions you might have about the positions and to sign up anyone who is interested in serving.

I hope you will come to the 11:00 Mass with us on September 10th and experience the amazing energy that our children bring to our parish.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Megan Repko at **610-310-5661** or at meganrepko@stcolumbkill.org. You may also speak with Sister Jean in the church office.

Daisy Girl Scout Troop

The Daisy Girl Scout troop of St Columbkill's is looking for two co-leaders. The Daisy troop (k - 1st grade) meets every other week from Oct - May on Tuesday nights.

Program guide, training and mentoring are available. Anyone who is interested should email: GSTROOP01221@gmail.com or call Marcia Martin @610-223-2484

Father Marty's Corner by Deacon Jim Kochu

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” How many times have we heard this question proposed to us in Sacred Scripture? How many times have we been offered this question and taken the opportunity and time it would take to TRULY answer it concerning our OWN personal lives, our personal relationship” WITH THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD.”

Did the Lord not know what people called Him, what their thoughts were about Him? His questioning of the Disciples brought forth the conviction of the apostle Peter and left for us in the future a strong affirmation of faith. The Lord not only questioned Peter but ALL the apostles when He said “Who do you say that I am?”



We need to remember that despite all of His trials and all the skepticism, Jesus WAS recognized in Israel as a mighty man of God, even being compared with the greatest of the prophets, John the Baptist, Elijah and Jerimiah. Perhaps this was the key to Peter's bold response. No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter, only God Himself.

Just as Peter was only one speaking on behalf of the many being posed this question, so we too may be in a position one day to profess boldly and publicly that which we believe; that Jesus IS indeed the Christ, the Son of the living God. You are our Lord and our Savior.

Lord Jesus, through OUR proclamation of this truth, make our faith strong like Peter's and give us the boldness of heart to speak to others that they may come to know you personally as THEIR Lord and Savior and grow in the knowledge of your great love and transforming powers. In Your Name! Amen!

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Matt 16: 13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father.

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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 two 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 milestone is \$10,000. As we inch closer to reaching this, our total deposits to date are **\$9,795.94!** At this rate we are well on track to exceed expectations!

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!

THANK YOU CHILDREN!!

Our Penny Pledge is at \$9,795.94!!!!
We'd like to reach our milestone of \$10,000
as soon as we can and it's
because of you, His children, that this is
happening way ahead of schedule!
Drop your pennies off even during the
summer month! When Jesus said in the Gospel, "Let the Children come to me" He was talking about all of you! You are all truly doing His work here at our parish in Boyertown!



Weekly Collection

Fiscal Year July 2017 —June 2018

Weekend of AUG 19-20—2017

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|--|---------------------|
| Wkly. offering necessary for Budget..... | \$13,800.00 |
| Actual Weekly Offering | \$12,990.92 |
| Net Weekly Shortage..... | -\$809.08 |
| YTD Budget Offering..... | \$110,400.00 |
| YTD Actual Offering Income..... | \$98,455.48 |
| YTD Shortage..... | -\$11,944.52 |

Mission Co-op Collection = \$1,848

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!

Facilities Faith Lift New Pledges!!

Do you see all the work going on in Quinn Hall? It is awesome to watch the progress of our growing and vibrant parish family!!

Our Pledge Campaign still has a little over a year left and if you have not pledged to this wonderful campaign we are asking you to consider doing so. *In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi... we are begging!* There are pledge cards in the Narthex of the Church. More information to follow on this. Thank you!

Parish News and Information

OUR SENIOR GROUP

NEXT SENIOR GROUP
MONTHLY
MEETING :
Picnic Sep 14, 2017



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

SENIORS GROUP TRIPS

Group is open to people 50 years of age and have paid their current membership dues.

1. Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on **October 5,** 2017 to see "Come Blow Your Horn".
Cost is \$81/ members, \$86/guests.

**The Senior Group Picnic will be held on
September 14, 2017 at Ringing Hills
Picnic Grove.**

**Call Don Gilbert to sign up:
610-369-5950**

Our Emmanuel Choir needs you!

All parishioners! Dust off those instruments you have in your closet or attic or basement. Clear those angelic voices of yours!

St. Augustine is attributed with saying, "He who sings well, prays twice, as long as it is done with love."

So come join us to sing, pray and love!!

Our contemporary music

ministry, Emmanuel, leads us in song for our 11:00 a.m.

Mass on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month.

Emmanuel practices each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in Church. New members are always welcome!

Contact: Kathy Herber at: 610-944-6406 or email her at: k_piano99@yahoo.com

Read about our other Music Ministries on Page 9 of this Bulletin! For more info contact our Music Director, Deb Maskrey at: GM_2522@comcast.net

Did you know?

The Oxford Dictionary of Popes interprets Irenaeus as classifying **Linus** as **the first** bishop of Rome. **Linus** is presented by Jerome as "**the first after Peter** to be in charge of the Roman Church" and by Eusebius as "**the first** to receive the episcopate of the church at Rome, **after** the martyrdom of Paul and **Peter**". During Mass we hear the names of the 12 Apostles in the First Eucharistic Prayer, followed by, in order, **Linus**, Cletus, Clement, etc. Thus, our own Catholic documentation.

Question: Where did Jesus give Simon the "keys to the kingdom" and what name did He bestow upon him?"

Last week's Answer: Name the 7 Miracles in John's Gospel. The 7 miracles or signs in John's Gospel are: Changing water into wine at Cana (John 2:1-11), Healing of the Official's Son in Capernaum (John 4:46-54), Healing the paralytic at Bethesda (John 5:1-15), Feeding the 5000 with loaves and fish (John 6:5-14), Jesus walking on water (John 6:16-24), Healing the blind man from birth (John 9:1-7) and raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-45)

And you can look all of this up!

News/Events

St. Francis Academy-Our Parish School

Will be holding their **First Golf Outing** to support a scholarship fund for the students of St. Francis Academy on Monday, **October 2** at the Butter Valley Golf Port.

Shotgun starts at 12:30pm rain or shine. Lunch, prizes and raffles begin at 4:30 pm. 100% of proceeds fund student scholarships.

Individual golf package \$70, foursome \$260 includes course fees, green fees, and dinner. See the back table info/registration forms or contact Karen Kinn, fundraising chair at 484-432-0780 or sfafund@gmail.com.

ST. COLUMBKILL LAOH SCONE & TEA PARTY

Ladies of Irish Catholic Heritage are invited to a Scone and Tea party to meet members of LAOH at St. Columbkille Parish on **September 11th at 7 PM.** RSVP Kathy at 610-764-0293 or Joann at 610-367-5576.



Parish News and Events

Widow and Widowers Grief Support The next “REACH OUT” will be **Sunday August 27th** at MBS’ Fr Schneider Hall at 1 PM. The next meeting will be on the **September 10th** at St Columbkille’s office meeting room. Most people underestimate the length and severity of their grief. Our Reach-Out sessions can help. All are welcome to participate. 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.

Basket Party Save the Date! Mark your calendar for **Friday, October 20th** as we hold our basket party in the new and improved Quinn Hall! This year’s theme is “Celebrate New Beginnings” so get your creative juices flowing to create a basket for donation. Stay tuned for further details about the 2017 Basket Party.

Registration for the 2017-2018 PREP year is now open. We are offering classes for 3-year-olds up to and including 8th grade. You can register online on our website at: www.stcolumbkille.org. Click on the **PREP page**. You’ll discover how to register and pay online for your child’s Religious Education classes.

Altar Servers Altar server training for anyone interested who is in 5th grade or older will take place on **Monday, August 28, 2017 at 6:00 PM**. If you will attend, please inform Lisa in the office at 610-367-2371 or email her at: lisad@stcolumbkille.org

Music Ministries If you love to sing please pray and think about joining one of our music ministries, as we have several. We have our regular Adult Choir, our Emmanuel Adult Choir and our Children’s Choir. Also, we are always looking for Cantors and musical accompanists. Contact Deb Maskrey, our Director at 610-326-1483 or email her at: GM_2522@comcast.net

LAOH

American Music Theater **Home for the Holidays...Sat Nov. 25th**...Buffet Lunch at Cork N' Cap restaurant Lancaster prior to show at 3 pm. Cost \$85 includes transportation, lunch, show ticket and gratuity. Leaves Bechtelsville WalMart 10:30 am. Call Kathy at: [610-764-0293](tel:610-764-0293) or JoAnn [610-367-5576](tel:610-367-5576). Come join us!!

Knights in the Morning--St. Columbkille Knights of Columbus Council #16544

Our council will host their next Knights in the Morning on Saturday, **September 2nd at 10 AM** in the Ehst room. We welcome all men of the Parish, you do not need to be a Knight to attend. If you have considered joining the Knights and would like to learn more about what we do, this is a great informal way to find out more. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist Invite You to A Special Weekend Retreat:

A Time Apart With Jesus to Grow in Your Spiritual Life Friday evening, **November 3 to Sunday at Noon, November 5, 2017**. The retreat is offered by Sister Joan Noreen, Co-Founder of OLME and EWTN Host of “Eucharistic Journey.” The retreat is held at the Ave Maria Retreat House in Doylestown, PA. This retreat includes Daily Eucharist, Eucharistic Adoration, conferences on Catholic Spirituality, and much more. Please contact: olme@olme.org or call 610-582-3333



Staff Directory

Pastor - Father Martin F. Kern

Weekend Assistant – Fr. Kevin Bobbin

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

Weekly and Monthly Meetings

- ◆ Alcoholics Anonymous meets each **Monday** @ 5:30 p.m. in Ehst Room
- ◆ Over-eaters Anonymous meets each **Monday** @ 11 a.m. in Ehst Room
- ◆ Rosary Group meets each **Monday** evening in Chapel at 7 p.m. during Adoration
- ◆ Men’s Prayer Group meets with Deacon Jim the first **Tuesday** of each month at 7 p.m.
- ◆ The Shawl Ministry meets the third **Tuesday** of each month in the Conference Room at 10 a.m.
- ◆ Human Concerns Ministry meets on the 1st **Wed.** of each month at 7 pm in parish Conference Room
- ◆ Charismatic Prayer –Bible Group Meets each **Wednesday** @ 7:15 p.m. in Downstairs Hall– Info: Sue - 610-367-4711 or Don dondenick@comcast.net
- ◆ The Senior Group meets 2nd **Thursday** of each month in Downstairs Hall at 1 p.m.
- ◆ Bible Study held on **Thursday** mornings following the 9 a.m. Mass in the Ehst Room.

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 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.