

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



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17 SEP 2017

24th Sunday
Ordinary Time

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

"Lord, if my
brother sins
against me,
how often must
I forgive?
As many as
seven times?"
Jesus answered,
"I say to you,
not seven times
but seventy-
seven times."



**Matt
18:
21-35**

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!

Basket Party Early Bird Deadline

Donations of baskets
and door prizes for the
basket party are
welcome anytime, but
**Sunday, October 8th at
noon** is the deadline to
donate a basket in order
to be eligible for the
Early Bird Raffle
drawing. Stay tuned for
further details on this
valuable prize basket.
Meanwhile, get creative
and help us *celebrate
new beginnings!*

PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 18

9:00 AM – In Memory of Harold T. Landis Jr. on 63rd
Wedding Anniversary by wife, Stella

Tuesday, September 19

9:00 AM—John Lepo by the McDermott Family

Wednesday, September 20

9:00 AM--Joann McDermott by the McDermott Family

Thursday, September 21

9:00 AM – Claire D. Wilson & John Vernon Wilson,
with Love

Friday, September 22

9:00 AM – Betty Jenkins, in Grace

Saturday, September 23

5:00 PM – William Mountz by Phyllis Rieger

Sunday, September 24

7:30 AM – Gerry Maleski by Bob & Judy Fontana

9:00 AM – Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Takacs by Family

11:00 AM – Catherine Olson by daughter, Karen Bolli



*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

LTJG Daniel Patti, USN

1st LT Joseph Patti, USA

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 Therese Runco by
Jean and Bob Randall*

Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of Susan Kochu by Friends

Altar Flowers

*Call our Office if interested in honoring a Love One
with Altar Flowers*

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Mon: Sep 18	Fr. Petere Mainza
Tue: Sep 19	Fr. Leo Maletz
Wed: Sep 20	Seminarians
Thu: Sep 21	Fr. Paul Marconi
Fri: Sep 22	Msgr. John Martin
Sat: Sep 23	Fr. John Martinez
Sun: Sep 24	Fr. Keith Mathur

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

Apologetics-Defending the Faith

A Bible Christian contends that the Bible can't be used to argue against abortion because nowhere in the Bible does it state that abortion is wrong and that life begins at conception. How do I, as a Catholic, respond?

Answer

Though we don't find the word abortion mentioned in any biblical text, we can deduce from Scripture, not to mention natural law, reason, Church teaching, and patristic witness that abortion is intrinsically evil. On abortion, consider these Scripture passages: Job 10:8, Psalms 22:9-10, Psalms 139:13-15, Isaiah 44:2, and Luke 1:41.

In addition:

- Genesis 16:11: Behold, said he, thou art with child, and thou shalt bring forth a son: and thou shalt call his name Ismael, because the Lord hath heard thy affliction.
- Genesis 25:21-22: And Isaac besought the Lord for his wife, because she was barren: and he heard him, and made Rebecca to conceive. But the children struggled in her womb...
- Hosea 12:3: In the womb he supplanted his brother, and as a man he contended with God.
- Romans 9:10-11: But when Rebecca also had conceived at once of Isaac our father. For when the children were not yet born, nor had done any good or evil (that the purpose of God according to election might stand) . . .

The truth that these verses tell is that life begins at conception. Rebekah conceived a child—not what would be or could be a child. Note James 2:26: ". . . a body apart from the spirit is dead. . ." Since the soul is the principle which gives life to the body, then a child carried in the womb of its mother has a soul because it is alive. To kill it is murder.

****Answered by: Peggy Frye at Catholic.com**

Ministries & News

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - RCIA will begin meeting this **Thursday 9/21 @ 7PM** in the parish office. This is an opportunity to get answers about the Catholic faith and help in entering the Catholic Church if you wish.

If you are a baptized Catholic, but have not received your first communion or Confirmation, these classes will also help you complete your sacraments of initiation to come into full communion with the Catholic Church.

All inquiries welcome. For more information contact Margaret Chovanec @ 610-248-2171 or margaretc@stcolumbkill.org.

October 1st is Respect Life Sunday.

At all Masses on the weekend of **September 30th and October 1st** the Knights of Columbus will be asking for your contributions for a "Rose for Life", the symbol of the Pro-Life movement. Remember, you are not "buying a rose", but offering support to Birthright (a Pottstown pro-life pregnancy center), to A Baby's Breath (two pro-life pregnancy centers in the Norristown area), the Pro-Life Coalition of Southeastern Pennsylvania, and to shelters that house and feed people in need. Please help those who can't help themselves.

And Pray the Rosary to End Abortion.

Sisters of St. Francis Raffle

RAFFLE!!

Just ten bucks will support the Sisters of St. Francis in reaching out to the poor and provide for their elderly retired sisters.

In two weeks, on September 30th and Oct. 1st, 2017 after each Mass you will have the opportunity help the retired Sisters of St. Francis.



Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Friday, September 22th

Make your own ice cream sundae/game night

6-8pm

Room-TBD

Bring your favorite game (some will be available to play, too!) and sign up to bring a topping for our sundaes. Ice cream, spoons and bowls provided.

Friday, September 29th

Cookie Baking at SFA

6-9pm

No baking experience needed Please arrive on time so we can beat our record of 30 pounds of cookies! Please meet at the Carnival building directly next to SFA in Bally.

Saturday, September 30th

Dorney Park Trip

Sign up by September 19th- Bring your friends and family! Tickets cost \$29pp. Please let Heather know if you need a ride.

Saturday, October 7th

MercyMe Concert

5:30-10:30pm

Santander Arena

Please sign up to see MercyMe by September 30th! Tickets are \$33.00pp. Only 30 tickets available. Friends and family are welcome. Please let Heather know if you need a ride.

****Fall Newsletter**

Our Youth Group Newsletter will out this Sunday, September 10, 2017

*****Next year's Steubenville Weekend occurs on July 13- July 15 2018! Mark those calendars!**

"Protecting God's Children Workshop"

Our church will be hosting a Protecting God's Children Workshop on Saturday, **October 7, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 12 PM downstairs in the Ehst room.**

Anyone who deals with children (Scout leaders, catechists, Bible School teachers, etc.) must attend a workshop one time. If you never have and need to, please register by calling the parish office at [610-367-2371](tel:610-367-2371)

Life Teen Blog

Hurricane Harvey: Finding the Divine in the Disaster

by [COURTNEY KIOLBASSA](#) Hurricane Harvey has captured the nation's attention, but as a Texas native, with friends and family in Houston and other affected areas, the hurricane's destruction hits heavy. Thankfully, I am only seeing images; my loved ones are seeing the real thing, up close and personal. The homes and streets and stores they inhabit are underwater, unrecognizable. Most people prepared for intense storms, but not devastating floods, so many are piecing together solutions from limited resources. The marginalized and poor are especially vulnerable. And, sadly, more rain will fall soon. As the country moves forward with new stories and different news, Texas residents will eventually have to begin the long process of rebuilding.

It's impossible not to wonder: where is God in all of this?

"God is Love." 1 John 4:8

In the wake of tragedy, it's a question that begs our attention, and for good reason. We ask how a loving God could let something so destructive happen, and how a loving God responds to all of it. These questions are valid, and they don't have simple answers.

I believe that God never intends suffering; in fact, He weeps over it (John 11:35). God is not apathetic to suffering, and He is not the cause of it. Yet, for reasons somewhat difficult to understand, He allows the world to continue on its natural course, which means that suffering necessarily happens.

It's a mystery that perplexes me, but it doesn't drive me to despair. Why? Because God has given us a glimpse into the way He brings good from the worst of situations. This does not negate the suffering, but it also does not allow us to be abandoned to hopelessness.

Just yesterday, my friend and I were talking about all of this. Her family is spread throughout neighborhoods that have begun to flood, and I saw a bit of fear in her eyes. The moment I asked where she saw God in all of this, the fear turned to hope. **(Continued next week)**

<http://lifeteen.com/blog/hurricane-harvey-finding-divine-disaster/>

Message from St. Francis Academy Our Parish Elementary School



St. Francis Academy

668 Pine Street
Bally, PA
www.sfabally.org

Sept. 22 – School Liturgy 10:45

A BIG thank you to all the Grandparents who came to our special Mass last weekend. You are an important part of who we are.

Spanish classes started Sept. 13. This program is from 3:15 to 4:00 after school. There is still time to enroll.

Music lessons have started, too. Thank you Miss Lance for taking over all of the instruments.

Please note, *school masses will be on Fridays* this year. If Mass is on a different day we will notify everyone.

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

Plastic cash can be purchased through school on Mon, Wed, and Fri

1st Annual SFA Scholarship Fund Golf Outing SPREAD THE WORD!

We will be holding our 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.**

Shot gun starts at 12:30 pm rain or shine. Lunch, prizes and raffles begin at 4:30pm. 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

YOUTH HUMOR FOR THIS WEEK

EQUAL REPRESENTATION

When my 4 year old daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every pet, current and past.

For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, 'All Girls!'" This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, 'Kelli, why do you always add the part about All Girls?'

Her response, 'Because everybody else always finishes their prayers by saying 'All Men!'

Announcements

Cub Pack 545 is starting their next scouting season! Cub Scouts is for grades K-5 and we meet on Monday evenings from 7-8pm. If you know a young boy who likes to have fun and learn different skills with their family and friends please reach out to Dan Trout



at:danielatrou@netscape.net or 610-473-2285. Information for scouting units in our area can be found online at: beascout.org

ATTENTION ELEMENTARY PREP PARENTS: Our elementary religious education classes begin this week for all previously-registered students in grades 1 to 6. **All parents, students and catechists are to report to the church at 4pm or 6pm.** We will begin with a short prayer service followed by the class assignments. Classes will end at the normal time of 5:30 pm or 7:30pm. Parents are to wait for their children in the narthex. Children must be accompanied by an adult before they may leave the building. Please pray for the success of our program.

COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES!

It's that time of year again, we are forming our plans for the cookie baking for the annual Saint Francis Academy Bazaar. This is the largest fundraiser for our school. We are in need of volunteers. If you have any time please consider forming a baking team, joining an existing baking team, mixing the dough, or sheeting the dough. Bakers can bake any time during the day or in the evening. Please call or text Angie Snyder for more details...[610-858-8740](tel:610-858-8740)

FALL CLEANOUT

SFA Fall Used Clothing Drive will be held Saturday, **September 30th from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM**, in the SFA school parking lot. Any questions please call Megan at [610-730-5441](tel:610-730-5441) or email mbwilson@hotmail.com.

****PLEASE DO NOT DROP DONATIONS OFF AT THE MBS RECTORY.**

Father Marty's Corner by Deacon Joe Petruskas



This weekend, the Catholic Church across the USA celebrates Catechetical Sunday. The 2017 theme is "Living as Missionary Disciples." All those in our parish communities who have been designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry.

Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of their Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

The responsibility of handing on the faith begins with our parents (the child's first catechist) and continues to be nourished in Faith by example of grandparents, Godparents, sponsors, family, friends, and the entire parish community. So today, we celebrate and pray that all of our good works, led by the Holy Spirit, bear good fruit in our young people.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Matt 18: 21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt.

At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt.

Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?'

Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."

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 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 total to date is???????????????

We are keeping the total a secret until **in September**, Father Marty will make a special announcement.



Until then, please continue to bring in your pennies and deposit them into the coin container in the narthex.

Every penny counts!! We wish to thank you for your consistent giving!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2017-2018 Fundraising Events

- Oct 17, 2017 Boscov's Friends Helping Friends
- Oct 20, 2017 Basket Party
- Nov. 11, 2017 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off
- Dec 2&3 2017 Food & Craft Fest
- February 2018 St. Columbkil Monthly Lottery
- Mar 17, 2018 Night at the Races
- Mar 24, 2018 Pellman Cake Sale
- Apr 27-29, 2018 Attic Treasures
- June 9, 2018 2nd Annual Golf Outing

These are our Fund Raisers for the coming 9 months. Fr. Marty thanks you all in advance for all you do and contribute to our growing and vibrant parish! We look forward to a successful year and much fun! More info to come as each event approaches!

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 :
October 12 at 1 p.m.



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.

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

St. Philip Neri Catholic Family Life Center

Celebration of St. Therese of Lisieux
Sept. 19 - 7:00 pm – Brother Joseph Schmidt will speak on St. Therese's life – Neri Center
Oct. 1 – Bus to Carmelite Monastery – Benediction and Shower of Roses procession
Please phone [\(215\) 679-2237](tel:2156792237) for details or register online at www.catholicfamilylifecenter.com

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

We are privileged to welcome Dale Ahlquist to speak at: SFA auditorium **Friday evening at 7 p.m., October 13**, 668 Pine St. Bally, PA.

"G.K. Chesterton: A Prophet for the 21st Century"

You are now able to pay for your tickets online. Just go to the MBS website, www.mbsbally.org . Tickets are \$10 each.
OR

You may mail a check for your tickets to:

MBS
610 Pine Street
Bally, PA 19503
ATTN: G.K. Chesterton

If you pay online thru MBS website, you'll have to open an account on their site, similar to the one you opened on ourS to purchase tickets online. Very Easy.

Questions, queries, and RSVP's to be made to Margaret Chovanes: [\(610\) 248-2171](tel:6102482171) or mchova1084@gmail.com

Did you know?

That Raphael is

an archangel of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam who in the Christian tradition performs all manners of healing. In Islam, Raphael is the fourth major angel; in the Muslim tradition, he is known as Israfil. Raphael is mentioned in the Book of Tobit, which is accepted as canonical by Catholics, Orthodox, and some Anglo-Catholics, as useful for public teaching by Anglicans and considered useful and good to read by Lutherans. Raphael is generally associated with the angel mentioned in the Gospel of John as stirring the water at the healing pool of Bethesda. Raphael is also an angel in Mormonism, as he is briefly mentioned in the Doctrine and Covenants

Question: In our faith and in Sacred Scripture, we hear a lot about angels. Can you name the nine different "orders" of angels? How are these 9 orders divided up?

Last week's Answer: In the Catholic Church three Archangels are mentioned by name in its canon of Scripture. Can you name them? The Three Archangels mentioned in Scripture are **Michael, Raphael and Gabriel.**

And you can look all of this up!

News/Events

St. Francis Academy-Our Parish School

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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 on the **September 24th at 1 p.m. at MBS in Fr. Schneider Hall.** 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 Deacon Mike Boyle at [484-336-9849](tel:484-336-9849).

Basket Party Ticket Sales!

Join us as we “Celebrate New Beginnings” in the newly renovated Quinn Hall for this year’s basket party on Friday, October 20th. Tickets go on sale after all Masses beginning September 30th at a cost of \$20 each. *Please note: you must be at least 18 years old to purchase a ticket and to attend the basket party.* New this year: the Knights of Columbus will be preparing hot foods for purchase at the party, including pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers, hotdogs, Italian wedding soup, chicken noodle soup and cole slaw. Only 260 tickets are available, so don’t procrastinate when September 30th arrives!

Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends Event to be held Tuesday, **October 17th from 9 AM to 10 PM.** The cost for the pass is \$5 which entitles you to a 25% discount on most items throughout the store the entire day. It’s a great way to get an early start on your holiday shopping while supporting our parish. The passes can be purchased in the Parish Office during business hours.

An Ice Cream Social with Heart

Did you know that since 1998 there have been a group of people here at St. Columbkil who are “called to be the Heart of God on earth?” We are the Lay Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, or Lay MSC! On Sunday afternoon, **September 24, at 2:00 PM,** we invite you to join us as we host our 5th annual ice cream social. If you are interested in deepening your faith journey with a spirituality of the *heart*, come and see who we are and what we’re about! A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex!

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 \$88 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). **Deadline for reservations is: Oct 13th.**

Together in Hope: A Reconciling Reformation

Sunday, October 22 at 3 p.m. at St. Ignatius Church in Sinking Spring. Liturgy is built around the words of the reformers from different denominations. For more information contact Rev Mark Rigg at [610-678-2411](tel:610-678-2411).

Desire: Fulfilling Our Deepest Longing – Are you looking for something more in your life? People search for fulfillment in many ways, but are left with a sense of emptiness. Join us on **September 30, 2017 from 7 to 9pm** for wine and cheese as the Office of Adult Formation hosts national presenter Bill Donaghy. He will explore what and who we are made for so that we can finally attain our desire and fulfill our deepest longing. Place: St. Thomas More Family Center in Allentown. Cost \$10 per person. Register by September 13 and find more information at www.allentowndiocese.org/desire.

Prayer Shawl Members

Our next meeting is **September 19th, after the Daily Mass, approximately 9:40 a.m.** in the Office Conference Room. If anyone would like to join our group, we invite them also. We have a high request rate for shawls and lap robes and cannot keep up with the demand if we don’t have the hands to do the work. Please consider helping us continue our ministry. Hope to see you.



Staff Directory

Pastor - Father Martin F. Kern

Weekend Assistant – Fr. Kevin Bobbin

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

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lisad@stcolumbkill.org

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Gayle B. Fontaine

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Volunteer Coordinator—Mary Snyder

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

Weekly and Monthly Meetings

- ◆ Alcoholics Anonymous meets each **Monday**
@ 5:30 p.m. in Ehst Room
- ◆ Over-eaters Anonymous meets each **Monday**
@ Noon 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.