

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



St. Columbkille Parish

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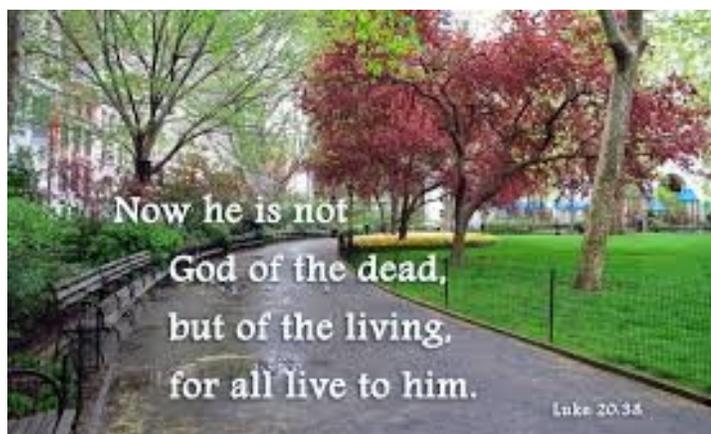
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Nov 6, 2016

*32nd Sunday
In
Ordinary Time*

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**“He is not the
God of the
dead, but of
the living...”**



**Luke
20:
27-38**

**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**

**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 9:30 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 133 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!



**Sign up for
Adoration on our
website!**

**Spend an hour with
our Lord.**

**We are looking for
200 people to spend
one hour with Our
Lord each week.
www.stcolumbkille.org/adoration**

***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 7

9:00am— Zigmont & Edith Fisherowski by son, David

TUESDAY: November 8

9:00am— Maggie Raden by the Merritt Family

WEDNESDAY: November 9

9:00am—Susan Kochu by Mike and Mary Zwolak

THURSDAY: November 10

9:00am—Joan Albrecht by Jack and Linda Lignelli

FRIDAY: November 11

9:00am— Communion Service

SATURDAY: November 12

5:00pm—Josephine Lumley by John & Colleen Hetrick

SUNDAY: November 13

7:30am— John Meade by Judy and Bob Fontana

9:00am— Joseph O'Brien, Jr. by Mom and Dad

11:00am —For the Intentions of Mary Beth Cherry by
the St. Columbkil Monday Morning Counters

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased Member of our
Parish

Lafayette Schellinger

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased who
are Relatives of Parishioners

**Donna Rhoads daughter of Paula Rhoads
Al McAllister brother- in- law of Judy Fontana**

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

Mon:	November 7	Fr. Eric Gruber
Tue:	November 8	Fr. Francis Grundowski
Wed:	November 9	Fr. Kevin Gualano
Thu:	November 10	Fr. Abraham Ha
Fri:	November 11	Fr. Stephen Halabura
Sat:	November 12	Msgr. William Handges
Sun:	November 13	Fr. James Harper

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Come strengthen your faith on **Wednesday** at
7:00 PM in Holy Family Chapel

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 Loving Memory of Rachel and Prosper, Sr. Guerre
Chaley by Jo Guerre Chaley

Sanctuary Candle

In Loving Memory of Louis De Simone by Antonette
and Joe Fabrizio

Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of Susan Kochu by Lisa De Simone

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

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 200 Adorers by Nov 28th.
As of Oct 24th we have 65 adorers signed up.
Still needed 133 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.**

Reflection with Fr. Kevin Bobbin

Safe in His Arms, a morning of reflection, will be offered by Fr. Kevin Bobbin on Saturday, November 12 at St. Columbkille. We will begin with Mass at 9:00 in the chapel. The program will continue until noon. Join us for a morning of prayer, talks, and fellowship to conclude the Year of Mercy. No registration is necessary and there is no cost for attending. Any questions, please contact Nicole Dyer at: 610-861-0925 or ndyer14@gmail.com.

2nd Annual "Tea Talks"

The school season is in full swing, and plans are underway for the 2nd annual "Tea Talks" sponsored by the Parish Life Committee

WHEN: Sunday, November 13th

WHERE: Fr. Quinn Hall

TIME: 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. (after the 11:00 a.m. mass)

WHO: Junior/senior high-aged girls and their moms

COST: \$8 Per Person

Tickets go on sale after all Masses starting October 29-30, 2016.

Enjoy lunch and tea with each other and fellowship with your peers while you listen to talks from two young adult speakers on such topics as:

Peer pressure, making time for our faith, practicing faith and morals in a non-faith-based setting relationships.

Come join us for some good food and presentations--so important in those teen years!

St. Vincent DePaul—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov 6:

In today's Gospel, we find that God is a God of the living, and this is indeed the core of our hope. Jesus has risen and is with us, therefore, at no time should we be without hope for the future.

When you give to the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry, you give hope to your neighbors.

Youth Group

How to Pray: 6 Tips for a Better Prayer Life

Step 6 (by Aaron Hostetter)

Let it transform you.

Practice makes perfect. The entire Christian life, including prayer, is something that we have to work on to become better at it. God can do amazing things in us through our reaching out to him in prayer!

Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit and raises man to Heaven' (St. Ephraem)



Young Adult Group (ages 18 to 35)

The next monthly meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 15th at 6:00pm in the Ehst room**. Please plan to attend as there are a lot of important topics to discuss.

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.

Youth Group Events



Service Project at Birthright

Saturday, November 12th

10:00am-1:00pm

We will meet in the St. Columbkil Church parking lot at 9:25. We will leave promptly at 9:30. Our project will be helping Birthright stuff envelopes & other projects that would otherwise take them days to complete. Birthright will also give us a tour of their facility and tell us what they do to help spread the Pro-Life movement. **Please let Heather know by November 10th if you would like to participate.** One parent volunteer (or more if we have many that sign up) is also needed to drive! We will leave around 12 and finish up back at St. Columbkil with a reflection and lunch. Pick up is 1:00pm.

Monthly Meeting- "Friendsgiving"

Friday, November 18th

6-8pm in Fr. Quinn Hall

Happy Friendsgiving! Please bring a donation for Birthright and a snack to share with the group. Dinner will be provided. We will talk about how we find God through our friendships we have with others. Bring a friend along to join in on the fun! ****Please note the date change. We will NOT meet the 2nd Sunday of the month.****

Coming up....

Poinsettia Sale Fundraiser- December 5th and 6th

Monthly Meeting- December 11th

"Wrapping for God" Fundraiser- December 17th

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



Parish School News: St. Francis Academy.

Nov. 8 – School Liturgy at 10:45

Nov. 11 – Gr. 2 and 5 are headed to DaVinci Science Center

Nov. 12 – SFA Christmas Bazaar 8:00 to 2:00. Thank you for supporting all of our fundraisers.

New to Plastic Cash – Wegman's

Youth Joke-of-the-week

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joe were sitting together in church.

Joe giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church."

"Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joe asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door?"

They're hushers."

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

Faith and Spirits!

A New Way to Be Human: Living a Life in Christ

Join us on **Monday, November 14, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30pm** at **PJ Whelihan's Pub and Restaurant in Reading, PA** as **Fr. Allen Hoffa** explores what it means to live as a Christian.

Am I my brother's keeper? Why does the Church impose all of these rules on us? Can't I decide what is right for me? These questions and more will be discussed. There is no cost to attend and no registration is required. PJ's is located at 1101 Rocky Road, Reading and they will have menus available for ordering food and drink at your expense.

"Music for Chao" November 20th

A concert to benefit a Dominican family in need.

The Concert will be Nov 20 at 6pm in the Church. St. Columbkil's, 200 Indian Spring Road, Boyertown, 19512

Join us for an evening of Classical String and Vocal Performances

Featuring Erin Martin, vocalist & Crystal Jordan, cellist.

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

When I was a little kid, I spent a considerable amount of time with my maternal grandmother. I knew my mother's father died when she was two and I also knew that my grandmother remarried a man who was a widower. I remembered him, but not well, since he died when I was five. I definitely recall a conversation with my grandmother long before I knew of today's gospel that could easily be connected. In my little mind, I asked my grandmother what would happen when she gets to heaven because she had two husbands. I wanted to know if there would be a fight. She got such a kick out of me asking this question. She really did not provide a clear answer like Jesus did in the gospel but she did tell me not to worry about a fight.

The reality of the situation is that the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection. They presented a situation that was improbable. They expected Jesus to be stumped. He clearly puts aside their scenario



and points out that in the resurrection we will not be defined or bound by our early constructs. In heaven, we will soar past the categories of the earthly realm. Jesus affirms that "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob...is not God of the dead, but of the living., for in him all are alive." Our hope is eternal life which requires earthly death for everlasting life. Truly, our goal!

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time —Gospel Luke: 20: 27-38

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus, saying,

“Teacher, Moses wrote for us, *If someone's brother dies leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother.*

Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman but died childless. Then the second and the third married her, and likewise all the seven died childless. Finally the woman also died.

Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her.”

Jesus said to them, “The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.

They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise.

That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out ‘Lord,’ the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.”

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 October 29 & 30 2016

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$13,750.00
Actual Weekly Offering	\$12,669.93
Net Weekly Shortage.....	-\$1,080.07
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$247,500.00
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$244,833.97
YTD Shortage.....	-\$2,666.03

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.

Our World Mission Sunday Collection

Grateful thanks for your continued generosity. We collected **\$2,631** for our World Missions!

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!

OUR SENIORS GROUP

NEXT MEETING
Nov 10, 2016
Dues are payable now



Monday, December 12, 2016
Rainbow Comedy Playhouse
“Green Holly & Gray Potatoes”
\$60/group member \$65/guest
Payment due now.

Sign up for Trips now!

For more information or questions:
contact Peg Bryan at:
610-754-7516 or email her at:
stcolumbseniortrips@comcast.net

“Walker with Wheels” Needed

We have a parishioner who is in need of a Walker-with-four-wheels to get around her apartment. Call Sr. Jean at the parish office: 610-367-2371 or email at: srjean@stcolumbkill.org

Did you know?

That the second most common “fear” that people face is “fear of public speaking.” Getting up in front of a group of people is indeed difficult for many. So what should I do the next time my boss asks me to give a presentation to others? **Pray to St. Justin, the patron saint of Public Speakers & Lecturers! St. Justin, Pray for ME!** (the first most common fear...”fear of flying.” You can look it up!)

QUESTION? Most people know that the Second Vatican Council occurred from 1963-1965. Do you know when the First Vatican Council took place? Do you know the best known decision that came from the council?

Last Week’s Answer: How many books are there in the Pentateuch of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). Can you name these books? The word Pentateuch comes from both Latin and Greek origin meaning 5-books.

The first 5 books of the Old Testament are: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

**The Coventry Singers & the
Berks Catholic High School Choir
under the direction of**

Graham Bier

PRESENT

Handel’s

MESSIAH

December 3 at 7 p.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Pottstown

December 4 at 4 p.m.

Berks Catholic High School, Reading

Tickets can be purchased online at:
www.readingchoral.org

Or call 610-898-1939

Tickets are: \$15 purchased in advance

Tickets are: \$20 at the door

Students pay: \$10

Widows & Widowers Support Group

The next “REACH OUT” session is November 13th at St Columbkill’s in the Conference Room at 1 PM. 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.

Salvation Army: Feed an Army Benefit Concert! Nov 12 @ State Theatre of Boyertown. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$10. Music by Heaven’s Thunder Band. Purchase tickets at: ThunderOutreach.com



Other Information and News

THANK YOU!!

The family of, child who is in Children's Hospital, wish to thank everyone who responded to the bulletin ad in regards to needed toddler clothes. Thank you for your generous donations and prayers.

Weekend Retreat. Our Lady's Missionaries of the Eucharist Nov 11-13 2016. Retreat is offered by Sr. Joan Noreen, Co-founder of OLME & EWTN Host. Call 610-582-3333. Will be held at Ave Maria Retreat House, Doylestown, PA

Graveyard Ramblings-Then and Now (presented by Laurel Miller)

Join us as we learn about Oley's Family Cemeteries, the people buried there and how to read old tombstones, and the meaning of tombstone art from different eras. Monday, November 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. Oley Fair Centre Building, 26 Jefferson Street, Oley, PA

Prayer Shawl Ministry

A meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held on Tuesday, November 15th, in the office Conference Room after the Morning Mass (approx.. 9:45 a.m.). All members are invited to attend, and new members are welcome to join us.

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](tel:484-431-2085) or email her at: candeeh@stcolumbkill.org

An Opportunity to Perpetually Remember a Loved One

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.

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](tel:610-367-2371) no later than Monday, November 21, 2016. Thanks for your wonderful support!!!



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

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Director Communications/Marketing -

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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coord. - Wendy S Krisak,
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Diocesan Safe Environment Coord. - Sr. Meg Cole,
SSJ,MS,LMFT, 610-332-0442, ext. 19

THANKS FOR THE COATS:

The Human Concerns Ministry would like to thank everyone who recently donated coats to the annual coat drive. Over 350 coats were again collected and will be distributed to local families through the Clothing Rack at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Gilbertsville. The volunteers who coordinate the Clothing Rack were again overwhelmed by everyone's generosity. If you have missed the coat drive or have additional winter coats, boots, winter clothing, or apparel that you would like to donate to the Clothing Rack – the next drop off day is December 7 from 1-4 pm at the Church on Wilson Avenue in Gilbertsville.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION-BABY SHOWER!

The Human Concerns Ministry would like to thank the entire parish for their participation in the Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child in Danger of Abortion, which began in January. The culmination of the program was the baby shower to benefit Birthright of Pottstown. A huge thanks to everyone who contributed to the Baby Shower. We were able to fill a car to the brim with the things that were collected and several monetary donations were also forwarded to Birthright. The volunteers at Birthright were overwhelmed by your generosity and thoughtfulness. Just one small token of your kindness goes a long way!

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.