

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



## *St. Columbkille Parish*

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Jan 8, 2017

## **Epiphany of the Lord!**

**“Where is  
the  
newborn  
king of  
the  
Jews?”**



**Matt  
2:  
1-12**

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

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

**You can register on our website or at the Parish Office**

**MARCH FOR LIFE FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017**

**LOOK on our Home Page to reserve and pay online!**



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 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 adult and \$25 per student 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](mailto:candeeh@stcolumbkille.org).

**Reservation is confirmed ONLY when your payment is received.**

**St. Columbkille  
Parishioners  
Parish Retreat  
Feb 24-26  
Embrace God's Love  
Is the theme of the  
Retreat!**

**Come one...come all!  
Treat yourself to a  
RETREAT WITH  
THE LORD!  
See page 3 of this  
bulletin!**

**Next Holy Day  
May 25, 2017  
The Ascension of  
Our Lord**

**Holy Day of  
Obligation  
Mass attendance  
required of all  
Catholics**

# *PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK*

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY: JANUARY 9**

9:00am— Rose Murphy by Deacon Joe & Dottie  
Paschall

**TUESDAY: JANUARY 10**

9:00am— Arnis Buza by the Quinn Family

**WEDNESDAY: JANUARY 11**

9:00am—James Mort by wife Pat

**THURSDAY: JANUARY 12**

9:00am— Theresa Ackerman by Deacon Joe & Dottie  
Paschall

**FRIDAY: JANUARY 13**

9:00am—Gilberta Farago by Chris & George DeFrehn

**SATURDAY: JANUARY 14**

5:00pm— Charles Longwell by Nikki & Gene  
Rinehimer

**SUNDAY: JANUARY 15**

7:30AM— Catherine Schwear by Wayne & Mary  
Gregory

9:00am— Ruth Pushkar Family by Helen and Pat

11:00am— – Francis Zielinski by the Family

*Please Pray*

*For the following Intentions...*

***For Our Family Members in the Military***

*SPC Jeremy Larson*

*Jonathan Taylor*

*Staff Sgt. Robert Preston*

*1<sup>st</sup> 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*

*Matthew R. Goldschmidt, USN*

*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.*

***Please Pray for the Recently Deceased who are Relatives of Parishioners***

***Dolores Fearheller, mother of Neil Fearheller  
Marcella Sweeney, mother of Patricia Olley***

## ***Sanctuary Candle***

***For the Intentions of the Jack Aston Family by  
the Dan Holzman Family***

## ***Bread and Wine***

***For the Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen  
Campbell on the occasion of their wedding  
by Fr. Martin Kern***

## ***PRA Y FOR OUR PRIESTS***

Mon:	January 09	Msgr. John Martin
Tue:	January 10	Father John Martinez
Wed:	January 11	Father Keith Mathur
Thu:	January 12	Msgr. John McCann
Fri:	January 13	Father John McCaslin
Sat:	January 14	Deceased priests
Sun:	January 15	Father Robert McConaghy

## ***Extended Eucharistic 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.\*\*

\*\*Benediction is held at 5:45 p.m. each Friday

## Apologetics-Defending the Faith

An Evangelical Apologist says...The Catholic Church claims to be the guardian of the Bible, but it demonstrated its hostility towards God's Word when it added unscriptural books to the Old Testament, namely the Apocrypha.

### ANSWER

A few things need to be said here. First of all, the seven books in question--Tobit, Judith, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Wisdom, Ecclesiasticus, and Baruch--are properly called the deuterocanonical books.

Second, the label "unscriptural" was first applied by the Protestant Reformers of the 16th century. The truth is, portions of these books contradict elements of Protestant doctrine (as in the case of 2 Maccabees 12, which clearly supports prayers for the dead and a belief in purgatory), and the "reformers" therefore needed some excuse to eliminate them from the canon. However, these books are "unscriptural" only if misinterpreted. It should also be noted that the first-century Christians--including Jesus and the apostles--effectively considered these seven books canonical. They quoted from the Septuagint, a Greek translation of the Hebrew scriptures that contained these seven books. More importantly, the deuterocanonicals are clearly alluded to in the New Testament.

Third, the canon of the entire Bible was essentially settled around the turn of the fourth century. Up until this time, there was disagreement over the canon, and some ten different canonical lists existed, none of which corresponded exactly to what the Bible now contains. Around this time there were no less than five instances when the canon was formally identified: the Synod of Rome (382), the Council of Hippo (393), the Council of Carthage (397), a letter from Pope Innocent I to Exsuperius, Bishop of Toulouse (405), and the Second Council of Carthage (419). In every instance, the canon was identical to what Catholic Bibles contain today. In other words, from the end of the fourth century on, *in practice* Christians accepted the Catholic Church's decision in this matter.

By the time of the Reformation, Christians had been using the same 73 books in their Bibles (46 in the Old Testament, 27 in the New Testament)--and thus considering them inspired--for more than 1100 years. This practice changed with Martin Luther, who dropped the deuterocanonical books on nothing more than his own say-so. Protestantism as a whole has followed his lead in this regard.

One of the two "pillars" of the Protestant Reformation (*sola scriptura* or "the Bible alone") in part states that nothing can be added to *or taken away from* God's Word. History shows therefore that Protestants are guilty of violating their own doctrine.

**Answer from: Catholic.com Staff**

## St. Columbkil Parish Retreat Weekend

**February 24, 25 and 26** we will be having our ***St. Columbkil Parish Retreat Weekend.***

Whether you want to come alone or with your spouse or adult child or bringing a friend...  
***all are welcome.***

The theme for the retreat is "**Embrace God's Love**". It will take place at St. Mary of Divine Providence in Elverson, PA. Type this link into the address bar of your browser and read more about the facility: <http://www.stmaryofprov-pa.org/StMaryofProv.pg2.index.htm>

**The cost is only \$145 per person for the 2-night package.** This includes room & board (5 meals.) \*Cancellation less than 10 weeks before retreat day is non-refundable. \*Waiver and Release forms must be completed for all participants.

**For additional information, contact Joann Rivera at: [joannr@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:joannr@stcolumbkil.org)**

### ***Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne***

Invite young women who are discerning a religious vocation to join them for a weekend of sharing in their life of prayer and apostolate.

Reservations are required. For information please contact: Sister Alma Marie at: 845-745-1319 or email her at: [vocationdirector@hawthorne-dominicans.org](mailto:vocationdirector@hawthorne-dominicans.org)

There are two weekends in Philadelphia. June 10th weekend and Nov 11th weekend.

Their wonderful apostolate is to care for incurable cancer patients who have no financial means to acquire their needed care.

### ***MEN'S PRAYER GROUP--***

All men (and their sons) are invited to join  
Deacon Jim on  
**the first Tuesday of each month.**

The next prayer meeting is on  
**Tuesday,**  
**February 7, 2017 at 7 PM!**

## Youth Group

### *"I Didn't Feel Anything": Searching For Christ After Confirmation* by Jurell Sison

I work with hundreds of teens every year and when it comes to confirmation, there's a handful of teens that dive in with their whole heart. They've had powerful experiences of God working in their life—so much so that going to confession, mass, and Eucharistic Adoration are at the top of their to do list.

But what about the others? Most of the students I teach know the terms and theology, they pray every night but they simply did not experience God like their peers.

I can't tell you how many times a teen comes to me and says, "I didn't feel anything... I don't think it worked." But trust me when I tell you that the Lord is working with you. **God works with every person in a unique and mysterious way.** And while I don't have any answers for why you experienced the things that you did, I believe with my whole heart that God is seeking you. God waits for you and yearns for your broken heart because He has the medicine to heal it.

So what happens if we don't encounter God in these life-shattering ways? I'm here to give you three simple ways to continue your quest for a meaningful faith life.



## Youth Group Events

### *Mission Trip/Steubenville*

Thank you for your patience as prices were determined for our trips this summer. See prices for both trips below:

Students ONLY doing CHWC/mission trip to Dover, DE- \$355.00 (includes t-shirt)

Students ONLY doing Steubenville- \$240.00 each (includes t-shirt)

Students doing BOTH trips- \$500.00 (includes t-shirts)

**There are 10 spots left for our Mission Trip to Dover, DE from June 18th-June 24th.** There are also plenty of 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 as soon as possible. A \$25.00 deposit is needed to hold your spot for one OR both trips. Heather will be closing sign-ups soon.

### *Monthly Meeting*

The next monthly meeting will be in January 8th, 2017 from 12-2pm! The winter/spring newsletter will be available at our meeting with all of the fun things we will be doing- any and ALL suggestions are welcome as always.

**Heather Shainline**, our Youth Group & Young Adult Group Director can be reached via email at: [youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org)

## Young Adult Group (ages 18 to 35)

Our next meeting date will be **Tuesday, January 17th at 6:00pm** in the conference room at St. Columbkil Parish and our first spiritual event date and time is TBA!

## Message from St. Francis Academy Our Parish Elementary School



### ***St. Francis Academy***

610 Pine Road  
Bally, PA  
www.sfabally.org

**Congratulations** to our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade 1<sup>st</sup> trimester honor students.

**First Honors** Gr. 8-Isabela Caruso, Blandin Conklin, Marissa Keenan, Erin Smola  
Gr. 7-Monica Guerin.

**Second Honors** Gr. 8-Andrew Dalickas, Aaron Kline,  
Connor McGill, Hannah Millet, Annalise Santiago, Sydney Trimbur  
Gr. 7-Tyler Derkotch, Liam Gundersen, Makayla Jones, Autumn Kline, Charlotte LaMagna, Theresa Patterson, Maureen Ryan

**Honorable Mention** Gr. 8-Paul Dalickas, Jacob Foley, Matthew Graczyk  
Gr. 7-Anthony Adamkovic, Marlina Agricoli, Charles Kuter, Diego Sanchez, Annika Snyder, Benjamin Waltenbaugh

### ***Youth Joke of the Week!***

The 4th grade PREP teacher, was telling his class the story of the Prodigal Son. Wishing to emphasize the resentful attitude of the elder brother, he laid stress on this part of the parable.

After describing the rejoicing of the household over the return of the wayward son, The teacher spoke of one who, in the midst of the festivities, failed to share in the jubilant spirit of the occasion. "Can anybody in the class," he asked, "tell me who this was?"

Nine-year old Betsy had been listening sympathetically to the story. She waved her hand in the air. "I know!" she said beamingly. "It was the fatted calf."

## ***Catholic Youth Quiz***

Answers to last week's quiz.

1. Which apostle led Christ's church after Jesus was killed?

**Peter**

2. Which apostle betrayed Jesus with a kiss for money?

**Judas**

3. Who was converted on the road to Damascus and later became one of the greatest missionaries in the New Testament?

**Saul (who after his conversion was named Paul)**

4. Who atoned, suffered, was crucified, and was resurrected for all mankind, making Him the Savior?

**Jesus**

5. Who tried to dispose of baby Jesus by making a decree that all baby boys should be killed?

**Herod**

## **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](mailto:connieb@stcolumbkill.org)**

## Father Marty's Corner

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany. Epiphany means divine manifestation. If we look to the gospel for this feast which is taken from Saint Matthew, we see magi from the East arriving in Jerusalem looking for a newborn king to whom they want to pay homage. King Herod is troubled by this news. The



The magi go forth following the star and they do find this Infant King and present Him with the gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They then return to their country by another route. These facts we know because they are clearly passed onto us in the scripture.

This celebration reminds us that the birth of this little child in such humble surroundings has amazing potential. The magi take the message to their corner of the ancient world. Also associated with this feast of the Epiphany was the baptism of Jesus. This now has a separate feast but initially was associated with today's feast and was a declaration of Jesus' divine identity because you may recall that the heaven's are opened and the Father says: "You are my beloved Son; with you I

am well pleased."

Some other traditions even connect this feast to Jesus' first miracle which is at the wedding feast at Cana. The reality is all three situations are divine manifestations of who Jesus was for a larger world. We celebrate specifically the wise men because of the gospel. However, what we really celebrate is that God's Son has come to dwell with us. He has a message that has universal appeal. He will accomplish this in miraculous ways. We benefit from what He came to accomplish. We are blessed because God visited His people and stayed!

## January 8 The Epiphany of the Lord

### ***Matthew 2: 1-12***

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

# 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 \$8,000 and we are well on our way with total deposits to date of **\$7,545.65!** 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!

## Part-Time Youth Minister Needed

Part-time Youth Minister at St. Teresa of Calcutta to serve the 9-12 grade Youth Group and facilitate an 8th grade program. Both programs are in place and thriving. The Youth Group meets every other Sunday evening as part of 6:00 PM Mass with meeting to follow. 8th grade program is every other Monday evening. Steubenville Retreat is part of the Youth Group experience.

Anyone interested in the position, please contact the Pastor: Fr. Paul Brandt at: [frbrandt@stteresacalcutta.com](mailto:frbrandt@stteresacalcutta.com).



## Weekly Collections

Fiscal Year  
July 2016 — June 2017

### Weekend of December 24 & 25

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$13,750.00
Actual Weekly Offering .....	\$12,436.91
Net Weekly Shortage.....	-\$1,313.09
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$357,500.00
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$360,500.50
YTD Overage.....	\$3,000.50

## 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 \$8,000 mark in pennies donated. The actual total is **\$7,545.65!** 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**

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](mailto:stcolumbseniortrips@comcast.net)

### **St. Columbkil Daily Lottery**

Just in time for your after-Christmas credit card bill blues...The Saint Columbkil Daily Lottery! With a winner, each and every day for the month of February, you have 28 chances to win and you can win more than once! The prizes are as follows:

Mondays to Fridays: \$100.00 prize each day!  
Saturdays and Sundays: \$250.00 prize each day!  
Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup>: \$500.00 Grand Prize!  
Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>: \$500.00 Grand Prize!

There are only 1000 tickets to be sold with ticket numbers ranging from 000 to 999...pick your favorite number while it lasts. Then look up the Pennsylvania Pick Three Evening Lottery at 7PM, straight number only, to see if you are a winner! Tickets are just \$20 and MAKE GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS! Tickets are available after all masses and in the Parish Office. Good luck!

### **RESPECT FOR LIFE MINISTRY**

This Ministry is part of the Human Concerns Committee but extends beyond it. This Ministry is concerned with the entire scope of life issues from conception to death and works to keep these issues in front of our entire parish.

If you'd like more information on this great ministry, contact Candee Holzman at:  
[candeeh@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:candeeh@stcolumbkil.org)

### **Did you know?**

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** was the first native-born citizen of the United States to be canonized by the Roman Catholic Church (September 14, 1975).<sup>[2]</sup> She established the first Catholic girls' school in the nation in Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she also founded the first American congregation of religious sisters, the Sisters of Charity. She was also raised a Protestant, married, had 5 children, was widowed and received into the Catholic Church in 1805. She died in 1821 at the age of 46. **You can look it up!**

**QUESTION?** Who is the 2nd native born citizen of the United States to be canonized?

**Last Week's Answer:** If the Pope is the Bishop of Rome, what is the name of his cathedral The name of the Pope's cathedral is that of **Saint John Lateran**.

### **Baptisms From Oct—Dec 2016**

**Lilianna Marie** daughter of Jan and Stephanie Bialoboki

**Giustino Lorrin** son of Giovanni Paludi and Linsay Beidler

**Fabiana** daughter of Fabio and Megan Campos

**Sophia Grace** daughter of Ryan and Ashleigh Crupi

**Grady Steven** son of Tadeusz and Kyla Kaczerski

**Piper Leigh** daughter of John and Ashley Varady

### **Widows & Widowers Support Group**

The first "REACH OUT" for 2017 will be at MBS' Fr Schneider Hall at 1 PM on January 8<sup>th</sup> and the following meeting will be at St Columbkil's Conference RM at 1 PM on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Starting a new year could be an up-hill battle for those who face the task for the first time without their spouse. We ask all to pray for the families who have lost a loved one as they adapt to life after loss. Our "Reach Out" sessions can help by bringing the tools needed to meet the challenges ahead. 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.



## Other Information and News

### ***Parish Office Closed on January 16th for Martin Luther King Day***

There will be a 9 a.m. Mass in the Church, followed by our regular Adoration Schedule in our Chapel.

### ***Girls Scouts Troop 1221***

The Girl Scout Cookie sale is coming. Jan 21 and 22 - the Cadettes (grades 5 - 6 ) will be selling cookies after all the Masses. The cost of a box of cookies is \$4.00. All proceeds from the sale remain locally and is used by the girls.

### ***Knights of Columbus***

Dance on **Saturday, January 21st, 2017 at the Knights Council Hall, 675 Constitution Ave, Pottstown, PA 19464 from 6:30pm - 11:00pm.** Tickets will be sold at the door and cost \$15 per person. Tickets include a home cooked meal. Cash bar available. Our DJ is sure to get you up and moving so you'll forget all about the cold weather outside. Proceeds directly benefit the KoC charitable works in this and our other member parishes.

### ***Holy Name Scholarship Drawing Winners***

#1 Bernard Conley #2 Tom Margavich #3 Kevin Elphick #4 Terry Voth #5 Lisa Carnes #6 Richard Lloyd #7 Craig & Heather Schollenberger #8 Nancy Ruch #9 J. Burrell #10 Mary Paster #11 Judy Fontana  
**We congratulate all the winners and give a big thank you to all who supported this project!**

***Burial Site for Sale:*** A parishioner has a site for sale at Limerick Garden of Memories in Wesley Gardens, Lot #51. Cost \$250 + transfer fee. Call 484-941-1282 if interested.

### ***The Shawl Ministry***

This ministry *was* started by Janet Bristow and Victoria Galo in 1997. The shawls are knitted by church members and given to someone in need of comfort and prayers. As the shawl is made, prayers are said for the recipient. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. in the parish conference room. To join this amazing ministry contact: **Betty Botscheller at 484-415-0259**

### ***The Human Concerns Committee***

The committee reminds the parish of our obligation to take care of our brothers and sisters as pointed out by Jesus in **Mt. 25:40 ("Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.")**, and also of our need to be a witness to the community. We are involved in projects like The AIDS Hospice, Respect Life concerns, annual coat drive, the Warming Tree, collections for the Berks AIDS Network, the Bereavement (Funeral Lunch) Committee, the Refugees Adoption program, and Soup Kitchen Contact Terry Voth at 610-367-9428 or at: [ltvoth@dejazzd.com](mailto:ltvoth@dejazzd.com) for more information.



## **Staff Directory**

**Pastor** - Father Martin F. Kern

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

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

Along with: Mary Lou Heisler, and Joann Rivera

**Chief Financial Officer/Campaign Coordinator** -  
Gayle B. Fontaine

**Parish Visitor** - Sister Jean Wickenheiser OSF

**Parish School, St. Francis Academy** -

Deacon Thomas J. Murphy, Headmaster

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

**Coordinators of Religious Education**  
Patricia & Joseph Petrauskas

**Directors of Youth Ministry** - Heather Shainline:  
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**Director of Music** - Deborah Maskrey

**Director Communications/Marketing** -

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

**RCIA Coordinator**—Margaret Chovanes 610-248-2171

**Volunteer Coordinators**—Mary Snyder & Robert Chisholm

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

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

**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.

### **LIFE AD DONATION COUPON**

Be counted when we publish this anti-abortion/pro-life ad in the Reading Eagle on Sunday, Jan 22, 2017. The suggested donation is \$6/person, \$12/couple or family. Deadline for the donation is Wednesday, January 11, 2017. Place this coupon with your donation (check payable to "Life Ad") into your Sunday Mass collection or mail to:

St. Ignatius Loyola Rectory

2810 St. Albans Dr.

Sinking Spring, Pa. 19608

**Make sure your name, parish name & Phone # attached.**

### **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.