

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



## *St. Columbkille Parish*

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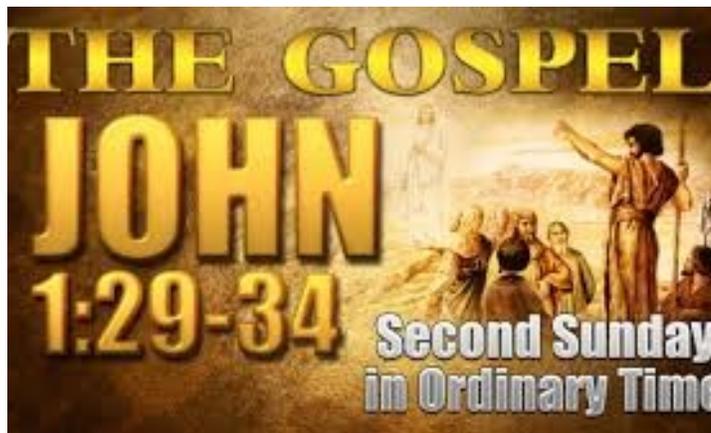
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Jan 15, 2017

**2nd Sunday  
In  
Ordinary Time**

**“Behold, the  
Lamb of  
God, who  
takes away  
the sin of the  
world.”**



**John  
1:  
29-34**

**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!**

The theme of this year's March for Life is "The Power of One". *Come be the one!* We still have seats available for our bus trip. If you've never been to the March before, it's the largest pro-life rally in the world and a peaceful witness to the sanctity of life for those who have no voice – the unborn.



We begin the day in our church with Mass for the Unborn at 6:30am before boarding the bus to Washington, DC. Adult price is \$50. A discounted price of \$25 is now available for students. Cost includes morning refreshments, bus transportation and buffet dinner on return trip. Participants are asked to dress warmly and bring a bagged lunch.

To reserve a seat please call Lisa in the parish office at 610-367-2371 or Candee Holzman at 484-431-2085 or [candeeh@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:candeeh@stcolumbkille.org) or look on our homepage to reserve and pay online!

**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 16

9:00am—Kate Blackledge by Al and Jo Ann Recke

TUESDAY: JANUARY 17

9:00am—John Rescinitti Jr. on his 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of  
Death by Carl & Loretta Lawlor

WEDNESDAY: JANUARY 18

9:00am—For the Intentions of Kay Schneider &  
Family by Dan Giles & Family

THURSDAY: JANUARY 19

9:00am—Adele Speck by Family

FRIDAY: JANUARY 20

9:00am—James Tascione by Larry and Terry Voth

SATURDAY: JANUARY 21

5:00pm—Guy Ketch Jr., by the Schrepple Family

SUNDAY: JANUARY 22

7:30AM— Living and Deceased of St. Columbkil

9:00am— Ruth Pushkar by Paul and Susan Pope

11:00am—Bryan Fischer by Patricia Martin

*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*

*USN Petty Officer Matthew R. Goldschmidt*

*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.”***

## ***PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS***

Mon:	January 16	Father Edward McElduff
Tue:	January 17	Father John McGinley
Wed:	January 18	Father Timothy McIntire
Thu:	January 19	Sick and infirm priests
Fri:	January 20	Father Kenneth Medve
Sat:	January 21	Msgr. Raymond Merman
Sun:	January 22	Father Brian Miller

## ***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

## ***Sanctuary Candle***

In Loving Memory of Rocco Talanca by  
Gene and Nikki Rinehimer

## ***Bread and Wine***

In Memory of Michael P. Ondo, Jr.  
Commemorating his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday by  
Gail & Mike Ondo, Yvonne & Carl Hasselhan

## ***Flowers***

In Memory of Michael P. Ondo, Jr.  
Commemorating his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday by  
Gail & Mike Ondo, Yvonne & Carl Hasselhan

## Apologetics-Defending the Faith

Your Fundamentalist co-worker asks, "When will you Catholics realize that the Bible is the only thing needed by Christians? You don't need man-made traditions.

**ANSWER** There were nearly three decades between the Crucifixion and the first books of the New Testament and nearly eight decades between the Crucifixion and the last of them. Two generations at least were deprived of the Book of Revelation, *surely* one of the most critical of the books of the Bible. Many Christians already had gone to their deaths for the sake of Christ, but had never heard the words of Paul, for the simple reason that Paul had not yet written them. Indeed, at least one Christian died as a direct and intended consequence of Paul himself: Stephen. Are we then to exclude Stephen from salvation because he was unaware of Paul's writings not yet written?

*All* the teachings of the apostles are "traditional" teachings, not "written"—"Traditional" in the radical (root) sense of the term, from the Latin "*tradere*," to hand over (not "down" as so many have it—nor does the idea of "trade," also derived from that verb, enter into it implying some exchange of one sort or another), simply the passing along from one to another. The Bible is the written portion of Tradition, as is amply evidenced by John himself at the very end of his Gospel, where he says that "many other things did Jesus do and say, so many, I think, that if they were all written down the world itself would not be large enough to hold the books that would have to be written to hold them." Even taken in their most gentle sense, those words inescapably mean that in no way can the Bible be taken as the complete record of everything Jesus did, said, or taught.

Most of the beliefs and practices that Fundamentalists condemn among Catholics are rooted in Sacred Tradition, the *unwritten* portion; though I also must make certain that it is understood that *no* Tradition, however longstanding, may *contradict* Scripture.

Revelation is of a piece; it is not a patchwork quilt, from which we pick and choose those things that please us or which may threaten us less. Salvation and revelation are a package deal—they go together, and we accept all or none.

Answered by: Fr. Hal Stockert

## 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.

You can purchase your tickets ONLINE via our website's Home Page. Look for the AD. 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 NEW 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!**

### *Charismatic Prayer Group*

Come join this wonderful prayer group. Meetings are on **Wed. @ 7:00 PM** in the Hall Downstairs.

## Youth Group

### UPCOMING EVENTS!

#### Friday, January 27th

##### **Ice Skating**

6:00-10:00pm • Body Zone in Wyomissing, PA  
Please meet in the church parking lot at 6:00. We will leave promptly at 6:15pm. Please sign up by January 20<sup>th</sup>.

#### Friday, February 10th

##### **Newsboys Concert at Santander Arena in Reading, PA**

5:45-10:30- Leave St. Columbkil at 5:45pm.  
Tickets cost \$18.00 each—must have at least 10 attend to get this rate. Please sign up by February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### Saturday, February 12th

##### **Monthly Meeting- Happy Valentine's day!**

12:00 – 2:00 PM • Fr. Quinn Hall  
Guest speaker, Deacon Joe, will chat with us about Theology of the Body. A light lunch will be provided.

#### February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

##### **BEAR CREEK- TUBING, SKIING AND SNOW BOARDING!**

5:00 – 10:00 PM • Fr. Quinn Hall  
Join us as we go tubing, skiing and snowboarding at Bear Creek! Prices will be sent separately in an email and posted in the Narthex. Sign up by February 5<sup>th</sup>. Signups are in the Narthex. Family and friends are welcome!

## Young Adult Group (ages 18 to 35)

### *Our next meeting*

**Tuesday, January 17th at 6:00pm** in the conference room at St. Columbkil. We will discuss our first spiritual and social events!

### *Adoration*

We will meet for Adoration during the last week of January...Time and Date to be determined.

### *Young Adults' Super Bowl Party!*

Sunday, February 5th 6 PM  
Fr. Quinn Hall  
Please bring a dish, snack, or drink to share!  
RSVP to Christie at [cedling18@gmail.com](mailto:cedling18@gmail.com) or Joanna at [joannawhite416@gmail.com](mailto:joannawhite416@gmail.com)

## Youth Group Trips

### *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@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org)



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



### *St. Francis Academy*

610 Pine Road  
Bally, PA  
www.sfabally.org

### Parish School News: St. Francis Academy.

**Jan. 16** – No school Martin Luther King holiday

**Jan. 17** – Liturgy 10:45

### **Get ready for Catholic Schools Week!**

Sunday, Jan. 29 to Friday, Feb. 3.

- ◆ Grandparents' Day/Open House
- ◆ Science Expo
- ◆ Student Day
- ◆ Brain Show
- ◆ Registration for 2017-18 school year
- ◆ Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad
- ◆ More details to follow.

### *Youth Joke of the Week!*

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for PREP class. As she ran she prayed, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!'

While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again!

As she ran she once again began to pray, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please...please don't shove me again!'

## *Catholic Youth Quiz*



This Weeks Quiz is a little tougher. Let's see how you all do! Answers in Next week's bulletin.

1. The four \_\_\_\_\_ are written accounts of the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ.  
**Epistles, Evangelists, Gospels, Testaments**
2. Name the Four Gospel Writers.  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The letters written to the Early Church communities are called:  
**Messages, Epistles, Gospels, Traditions**
4. Most of these letters were written by:  
**Peter, John, Andrew, Paul or Simon**
5. Where and at what event did Jesus perform His first public miracle? \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_.
6. The mother of John the Baptist is:  
**Mary Magdalene, Elizabeth, Ruth, Diana**
7. When does the season of Lent officially begin? What Day and Date in 2017?  
\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
8. What color vestments does the priest wear during Lent?  
**Green, Red, Purple, Black or Rose**
9. There are two days during Lent that call for Fasting and Abstinence. Can you name these two days?  
\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_
10. On what day does Lent officially end?  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Father Marty's Corner

The refrain for our psalm this weekend is "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." It is Psalm 40 and speaks very clearly of trying to understand the will of God for each of us and how to live God's will decisively. I have a clear recollection of being at an ordination of a Dominican friar to the Diaconate in the crypt of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington. At that ordination, this was the psalm that was chosen. Now I had been in the seminary for at least four years at this point; I was on my vocational path and contented.



However, I met a Dominican priest who challenged me to think about religious life and that is why I was at this particular ordination. In other words, he was encouraging my vocation but thought I should consider being a Dominican priest. This idea of religious life was significantly different than the path of diocesan priesthood in the Diocese of Allentown. I was drawn to religious life and would still say there is something in my soul that is drawn to communal living with the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. But needless to say, I did not change my course but rather continued on the path to ordination in the Diocese of Allentown and the rest is history. But this psalm touched by heart and soul in a particular way that day because I was trying to figure out if religious life was for me.

I suppose we all have those moments when we were presenting ourselves to God for direction. It is not easy to tell God that we are willing to follow His will because it can be very challenging as well as life altering. I believe that I am doing God's will for me and I believe that because I am content and joyful in my vocation most all of the time. There are still challenging moments. We all have them.

May the word of God continue to assist each of us in discerning God's will!

## January 15—2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### *John 1:29-34*

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.  
He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel."

John testified further, saying,  
"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'

Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

# 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 **\$7,768.30** ! 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!

### 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 **\$7,768.30**. You are all truly doing His work here at our parish in Boyertown!



## Weekly Collections

### Fiscal Year July 2016 — June 2017

#### Weekend of January 7-8

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$13,750.00
Actual Weekly Offering .....	\$12,748.93
Net Weekly Shortage.....	-\$1,001.07
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$385,000.00
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$388,102.36
YTD Overage.....	\$3,102.36

#### Weekend of Dec. 31 & Jan 1 2017

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$13,750.00
Actual Weekly Offering .....	\$14,852.93
Net Weekly Overage.....	\$1,002.93
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$371,250.00
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$375,353.43
YTD Overage.....	\$4,103.43

### Christmas Collection Total- \$37,716.00

As always... You are all so generous with your support both financially and with sharing your many talents. Thank you all so much!!!

### 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**

**NEXT SENIOR GROUP  
MONTHLY  
MEETING 2/9/17 at 1pm.**



**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)**

### **SENIORS GROUP**

Our Parish Seniors (The Over 55 Crowd) meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. in Quinn Hall. Our goal is to provide an ecumenical faith-based opportunity for Seniors to get together, enjoy one another's company, and provide support for one another in a variety of ways ranging from social opportunities such as trips to legal issues.

**Contact: Donald Gilbert at 610-369-5950**

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

Just in time for your after-Christmas credit card bill lues...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!

### ***Did you know?***

That Pope Francis was born in Buenos Aires, **Argentina**, on December 17, 1936, as **Jorge Mario Bergoglio** & elected Pope on March 13, 2013, when he was named the 266th pope of the Roman Catholic Church. Bergoglio, the first Jesuit pope & the first pope of the Americas, took his papal title after St. Francis of Assisi of Italy.

**QUESTION?** Why did Mary and Joseph have to go to Bethlehem to register for the Roman census when they lived in the town of Nazareth?

**Last Week's Answer:** Who is the 2nd native born citizen of the United States to be canonized? St. Mother Katherine Drexel! A Philadelphia native! Her feast is observed on March 3rd.  
**You can look ALL of this up!**

### ***2nd Annual Chili Cookoff-A Success!***

A huge THANK YOU from Fr. Marty and Mike Lineman for all of you who came out and braved the elements last Saturday night for our 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off.

The number of participants numbered near 20!! Thank you Contestants! Besides the food, the music provided had everyone dancing. It was truly a Family night to remember. We can't wait until 2018 & the 3rd Annual Chili Cook-off. We hope you'll join us!!!

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

The next "REACH OUT" meeting for 2017 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.



## Ministries-Organizations-Other 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.

### ***The Rosary Group***

Our Rosary Group meets Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Adoration for the needs of all parishioners and especially cancer patients. Come join us on any Monday Evening. All are welcome! For information contact: Irene Vasko at 610-367-5380

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

The Prayer Shawl Ministries are world-wide, reaching out to those in need. We here in Boyertown have spread our prayers and love in all directions in the United States. We are now so very proud to say these past two months, our shawls have traveled to the Philippines and to Russia. Some of our lap robes and baby blankets have been taken to Guatemala for the sick and dying. We continue our mission and would like to do even more. We can't do it without more hands to help knit or crochet. Consider helping us and provide comfort to those in need. Our next meeting will be January 17<sup>th</sup> after daily Mass. We meet in the office conference room. Please join us.

### ***The Parish Life Committee***

Focuses on church activities for our parish families. In our last parish census we found the average age of our members to be 31 years young - obviously we have many young families at St. Columbkil! Some of the activities the Parish Life Committee organizes include Family Advent Activities, Graduation Mass, Easter Egg Hunt, Fish Fry and many other activities. Our committee is looking for new members to share their ideas and their talents to create a welcoming environment for our church members. Eric McGill at 610-323-3714 or email at: <mailto:eric@mcgillnet.net>

***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



## **Staff Directory**

**Pastor** - Father Martin F. Kern

**Deacons** - James Kochu, Joseph L. Paschall, Joseph Petruskas, 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;  
preschool@stcolumbkill.org

**Director of Religious Education** - Constance J. Boyer:  
connieb@stcolumbkill.org

**Coordinators of Religious Education**

Patricia & Joseph Petruskas

**Directors of Youth Ministry** - Heather Shainline:  
youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org

**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.