

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



St. Columbkille Parish

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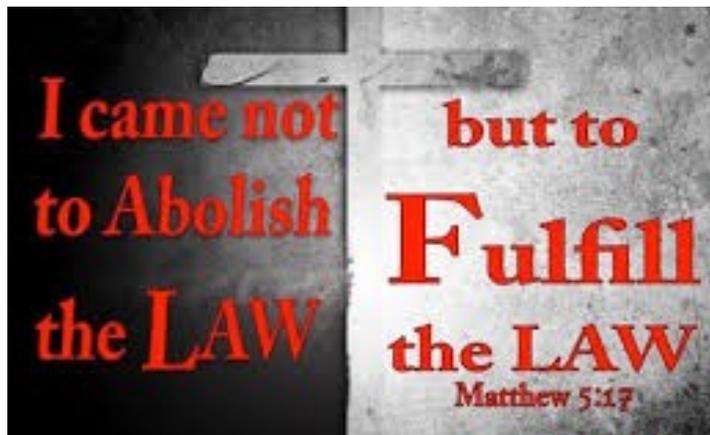
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Feb 12, 2017

6th Sunday
In
Ordinary Time

“If your right
eye causes
you to sin,
tear it out and
throw it
away.”



Matt
5:
17-37

**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**

**YOUTH MUSIC
MINISTRY MASSES**

6 P.M. MASS

Sunday Nights

**On the Following
Dates:**

February 26, 2017

March 26, 2017

April 23, 2017

May 21, 2017

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

New parishioners & Guests at St. Columbkille

You are MOST WELCOME!!

You can register on our website or at the Parish Office

PARISH RETREAT FEB 24-26

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](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 at: www.stcolumbkille.org

For additional information, contact Joann

Rivera at: joannr@stcolumbkille.org

**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: FEBRUARY 13

9:00am—Francis Lynch by Bill O'Donnell

TUESDAY: FEBRUARY 14

9:00am—Susan Kochu by Bill & Penny O'Donnell

WEDNESDAY: FEBRUARY 15

9:00am—Philip Keogh, Jr. by Dayle & Dave
Szymanski

THURSDAY: FEBRUARY 16

9:00am—Steven Mallon by Frank Mallon & Family

FRIDAY: FEBRUARY 17

9:00am—James Spellman by John DeStafney

SATURDAY: FEBRUARY 18

5:00pm— Doc Dougherty by wife, Kathy

SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 19

7:30am—Christopher White by the White Family

9:00am— Albert Steuer by Colleen & Jerry Bonmer

11:00am—Marie Mattiucci by Gloria Stoudt

Please Pray

For the following Intentions...

For Our Family Members in the Military

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

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:	February 13	Father John Paul
Tue:	February 14	Deceased priests
Wed:	February 15	Father Gregory Pendergraft
Thu:	February 16	Father John Pendzick
Fri:	February 17	Father Dominic Pham
Sat:	February 18	Father Quyet Pham
Sun:	February 19	Religious priests

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 Therese Hauser by the
St. Columbkil Senior Group

Bread and Wine

In Loving memory of Angeline Leap by
Margaret Chovanes

Altar Flowers

In Loving Memory of Johanna and Herbert Engle by
daughter, Ingeborg and Family

**Please pray for recently deceased who are relatives of
Parishioners**

Donald Pendell father of John Pendell

AND

Deceased Parishioner—Theresa Helen Sherman

Apologetics-Defending the Faith

I have a friend who is flirting with radical Catholic traditionalism. Sometimes he talks about modernist heretics taking over the magisterium and betraying Catholic Tradition. He has canned arguments about things like religious freedom and dialogue, universalism, liturgical norms, and so forth. He says he can't be in schism since he's just clinging to Catholic Tradition. What can I say to him?



ANSWER

Point out that his claim about "clinging to Tradition" is precisely what is claimed by all schismatics--Orthodox, Donatists, even, in their own way, Protestants, who say they believe only what was "handed down" by the apostles in Scripture. Everybody *says* that what they are clinging to (as against Rome) is "Tradition."

But when you ask these various factions *how they know* that their views rather than Rome's represent the true Tradition, they all fall back on private judgment: "Look how this Romanist practice or decree contradicts this earlier council or text of Scripture! Clearly our view--not Rome's--represents Tradition (or biblical teaching)."

In practice, schismatics do not receive their Church's teaching on their church's authority; they accept their church's authority because they agree with their preferred teaching. They don't accept the message at the word of the Messenger, they choose the Messenger based on the message.

Ask your friend who is the arbiter of what does or does not constitute sacred Tradition: the individual, or the magisterium? Either the Church is our judge, or we are its judge. Either we judge our ideas by the teaching of the Church, or we judge the teaching of the Church by our ideas. And that includes our ideas about Tradition.

www.catholic.com Steven D. Greydanus

Ministries and Organizations

Liturgical Linens Ministry



We need clean linens and purificators for our liturgies.

Those willing to help with this ministry are most welcome!

Contact: Nikki Rinehimer
610-369-1827
nana6@dejazzd.com

ALTAR SERVERS

Starting in 5th grade and continuing through 12th grade, our students minister at the Altar each weekend. This is an important experience for a Catholic student and a service to our parish. Altar server training is held in the fall. Coordinated by Theodore Kochen and Matthew Howald

Contact Parish Secretary to schedule: Lisa De Simone at 610-367-2371
[mailto: lisad@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:lisad@stcolumbkill.org)

USHERS MINISTRY

Our ushers assist at weekend and holy day liturgies. Vital to the smooth celebration of the liturgy, their duties include a hospitable welcome and assistance in seating, taking up the collections, and occasionally performing other duties as needed. Additional ushers are always welcome. Join this fulfilling ministry today!!
Contact Bill Day 610-652-2082

FUNERAL LUNCH COMMITTEE

The death of a loved one is always difficult. This committee offers to lend a hand to those who would like to have a catered luncheon in Quinn Hall after the funeral. The family chooses the food and caterer. Our lunch committee will help to serve the meal. There is a fee of \$100 for Diocesan Insurance.
Contact: Judy Fontana at 610-367-0945 or email:cakelady42@comcast.net

Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

UPCOMING EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Sunday, February 12, 2017

Monthly Meeting- Happy Valentine's day!

12:00 – 2:00 PM • Ehst Room (downstairs)

Guest speaker, Deacon Joe, will chat with us about Theology of the Body. A light lunch will be provided. Please note the change in location.

Friday, February 17, 2017

BEAR CREEK- TUBING, SKIING AND SNOW BOARDING!

5:00 – 10:00 PM • Macungie, PA

Please make sure you hand your payments into the office as soon as possible. Meet in the parish parking lot at 4:30 and we will leave no later than 4:45. If you are meeting us there, please let Heather know.

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Reading Royals Game/Faith Night—Buy tickets online on our Youth Ministry Page on parish website!

5:30-8:30pm • Santander Arena in Reading, PA

Let's cheer on the Reading Royals as they take on the Greenville Swamp Rabbits! Cost is \$14.00 each. **Please sign up by February 12th.** Sign up by emailing Heather. Drivers/chaperones needed. Family, friends and the entire parish are welcome to attend!

FUNDRAISERS

Hoagie Sale from Moyer's Meats

Help our Youth Group go on their Mission trip and Steubenville trip this summer by purchasing hoagies! All hoagies are \$5.00 a piece: turkey, turkey no onion, ham, ham no onion, Italian and Italian no onion. You can also purchase pepper packets for \$0.40 each. All money and order forms are due by Friday, February 17th in the parish office by 3:00pm. Pick up your order on Saturday, February 25th from 12-3pm in the Narthex. Any questions please contact Heather Shainline, Director of Youth Ministry at youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org.

Chili's Fundraiser Night!

Come to Chili's from 11am-close on Thursday, March 3rd to help us earn money for our trips this summer. 15% of your entire order will go directly to Youth Group! Alcoholic beverages do not count towards the donation. You must have the fundraiser flyer on your phone or in person to have your meal count towards our fundraiser. Look for an email for the flyer. Flyers will also be handed out at Mass.

Painting with a Twist Fundraiser and Paint Night!

March 23rd from 6:00-9:00pm Bring out your inner artist! Light refreshments will be provided however feel free to BYOB and food. Friends and family members are welcome. The cost is \$35.00 per person. For every person that signs up, \$10.00 will come back to Youth Group! Painting starts at 6:30pm. Please arrive at 6:00 to enjoy snacks and drinks. Sign up with this link: <https://www.paintingwithatwist.com/events/viewevent.aspx?eventID=1022252>

Youth Group Trips

Mission Trip

Mission Trip Update:

There are still **7 spots left** for our Mission Trip to Dover, DE June 18th-June 24th. This is a week long trip that will help our teens learn to be servants of God by helping others in need. Projects include: building ramps, painting houses, serving in soup kitchens, playing with children in low-income day cares, talking with the elderly who have no one else to talk with, etc. As Catholics, we are called to serve one another... why not spend the beginning of your summer vacation doing what Jesus calls us to do? If you think this is something you are called to do, please email Heather Shainline, Director of Youth Ministry, at youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org for more information. It will be one of the best weeks of your summer vacation!

Steubenville Trip Update:

There is **ONE** spot left for our trip to Steubenville. Please email Heather if you are interested in taking the last spot!

YOUNG ADULTS (18-34 YRS)

Next Monthly Meeting:

Feb 21 2017 from 6 p.m.—7 p.m.

Conference room. Bring ideas about service activity for March.



Heather Shainline, our Youth Group & Young Adult Group Director can be reached via email at: youthgroup@stcolumbkill.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.

Feb. 13 – Grades 3-8 will participate in the American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart Program. Grades K through 2 will participate on Feb. 17.

Feb. 14 – Happy Valentine’s Day! School liturgy 10:45
SFA owes an enormous thank you to Kriebel Security Systems. Through their generosity we now have a state of the art alarm system to protect our school. It is up and running!

Youth Joke of the Week! *Have fun with this one!*

1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?
Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe and close the door. This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.
2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?
Wrong Answer: Open the refrigerator, put in the elephant and close the door.
Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door. This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your actions.
3. The Lion King is hosting an animal conference. All the animals attend except one. Which animal does not attend?
Correct Answer: The elephant. The elephant is in the refrigerator. This tests your memory.
OK, even if you didn't answer the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your abilities.
4. There is a river you must cross. But it is inhabited by crocodiles. How do you manage it?
Correct Answer: You swim across. All the crocodiles are attending the Animal Conference. This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

St. Columbkil Preschool Registration 2017-2018

If you have a child who turns 3 or 4 years of age on or before September 10, 2017...we are now accepting registrations for the school year 2017-2018.

As some of you know, we fill up fast so register at our parish office or online at our website at:
<https://stcolumbkil.org/preschool-registration-forms>
More info email Adriana Segaline at:
preschool@stcolumbkil.org or call 610-367-2371

Catholic Youth Quiz

ANSWERS next week!

- 1) What did God do after He created the world? _____
- 2) How many days did it take for God to complete creating the world? _____
- 3) In order to give light to the world, on the fourth day God created how many great lights? _____
- 4) Man was created on what day? _____
- 5) How much of God's creation was man given rule over? _____
- 6) Adam and Eve had many children. We know the names of three of them. Name the three. _____, _____ & _____.
- 7) Who was the first “King of Israel”?

- 8) Who was the second “King of Israel”?

- 9) God appeared to Moses in the form of the _____.
- 10) King Solomon is known for asking God for the Gift of _____?



Father Marty's Corner

Our gospel for this weekend continues the Sermon on the Mount which began two weeks ago with the Beatitudes. These passages have been consecutive. I want to draw your attention to this part of today's gospel. *"Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother (or sister) has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother (or sister) and then come and offer your gift."* This line presents a great challenge to the disciple. We are summarily told to work out our damaged or broken relationships with members of the community (which by extension would be family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and members of the Church family). We cannot approach the sacred without the hard work of reconciliation which unifies and prepares us for worship of the Divine. I often reflect that it is easy to say "I love God" and this is a vertical relationship between us and God. It is not always easy to say "I love my neighbor" and this is a horizontal relationship between us and God. However, the gospel today would challenge us to work on the horizontal relationships so to properly live the vertical relationship. It is a wonderful reflection for us as we work on being faithful disciples.



On 11 February, the Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It was on this day in 1858 that the Blessed Mother appeared for the first time to Bernadette Soubirous at the grotto of Massabielle in Lourdes. The visions that Bernadette had lasted a few months and changed Bernadette forever and made that corner of France and the world a better place. A large part of one vision was a miraculous spring that still flows to this day. There have been sixty-nine proven cures at this spring and thousands of others have found healing there without a proven cure. This pilgrimage destination welcomes four million people a year. I have been there four times and I will be going again this Summer. It is the holiest place on earth for me. If you want to know more, please ask. I love to talk about Lourdes.

February 12th—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Matthew 5: 17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, *You shall not commit adultery.* But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna.

"It was also said, *Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce.* But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful - causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.* But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

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 \$9,000 and we are inching toward this with total deposits to date of **\$8,022.56!** 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 are shooting for our next level which is \$9,000 of pennies donated. The actual total is **\$8,022.56** You are all truly doing His work here at our parish in Boyertown!



Weekly Collections



Fiscal Year July 2016 — June 2017

Weekend of February 4 & 5 2017

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$13,750.00
Actual Weekly Offering	\$15,468.41
Net Weekly Overage.....	\$1,718.41
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$440,000.00
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$443,637.56
YTD Overage.....	\$3,637.56

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 3/9/17 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

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

Lay Associates of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart

Are you 'called' to a deeper spiritual life?

The Lay MSC is an association with the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We gather every other month at Sacred Heart Villa and every other month in each other's homes. We are called to be the Heart of God on earth, and we do so with great joy!

For more information, please contact Joann Rivera at: <mailto:joannr@stcolumbkill.org>

Notary Public

Lisa De Simone of our office staff is a certified notary public. She is authorized to perform the legal formalities of a notary, especially to draw up or certify contracts, deeds, and other documents for use in other jurisdictions. To contact Lisa you can call her at the Parish Office: 610-367-2371. Or email her at: lisad@stcolumbkill.org

Did you know?

Although the belief that Mary was sinless, or conceived with an immaculate soul, has been widely held since Late Antiquity, the doctrine was not dogmatically defined until 1854, by Pope Pius IX in his papal bull *Ineffabilis Deus*.¹¹ The Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

QUESTION? One of the most important Marian apparitions will mark its 100th anniversary this year in 2017 A.D. Can you name the apparition? What country did it occur in? Who did Mary appear to?

Last Week's Answer: The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is celebrated on what date? Who did our Lady appear to at Lourdes? The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes occurs on February 11th. Our Lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous

Quinn Hall is Closed

Just an FYI for the entire Parish...**Quinn Hall is officially closed for all activities beginning now until all of the planned construction is completed.**

If you have an event or meeting that is usually held in Quinn Hall, please contact Lisa in the parish office. She will find you a convenient location within our parish campus. Questions, call the office at: 610-367-2371 or email Lisa at: lisad@stcolumbkill.org

Widows & Widowers Support Group

A widow concluded that after a year, her grief has moved from numbness and denial to acceptance. Denial is not always a bad thing. Hope lives there. In life, things happen to us, more is expected of us and change can only happen by us. Our "Reach Out" sessions can help by bringing the tools needed to meet the challenges ahead. The following meeting will be on **Feb 12, 2017...TODAY...** at **MBS' Fr Schneider Hall at 1 PM.** We ask all to pray for the families who have lost a loved-one as they adapt to life after loss. 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

Protecting God's Children Workshop

Our church will be hosting a Protecting God's Children Workshop on Saturday, **April 22, 2017 at 9:00 AM** 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.

Once Upon A Prom will be hosted by Boyertown Junior Woman's Club on **March 4,5 and March 11,12 from 12pm to 4pm** at Miracles in Motion on 1145 E. Philadelphia Avenue. Girls in need of a special occasion dress are welcome to come browse our collection of over 400 dresses, in all sizes, and accessories as well. Take one home for a small donation which will benefit our community. If questions, contact Donna Haas at 610 367-7072

Parishioner's Daughter-in-Law Seeks Kidney from a Living Donor

The daughter-in-law of our parishioner Ed Hauser is in need of a kidney transplant. MaryJo Marra-Hauser is her name. There is a great article in the Danbury News-Times. Here is the link: <http://www.newstimes.com/local/article/Seeking-a-kidney-donor-10850947.php> Here Blood Type is O+ . If you want to learn more, or donate email: bwhkidneydonorinfo@partners.org or call 617-278-0030

Catholic Charities Gala:

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown will hold its Tenth Annual Gala, on **Sunday, March 5, 5:30 p.m.** at The DeSales University Center, Center Valley. Reverend Monsignor Walter T. Scheaffer, pastor of St. Mary Church, Kutztown, and Anne Jandl and Jandl Family Farms, will be honored for their contributions in helping the poor in the Diocese of Allentown. To receive an invitation, become a sponsor or place an ad in the program book, please contact Julie Scheck at 610-871-5200, ext. 216 or jscheck@allentowndiocese.org. Information is posted on www.catholiccharityAD.org.

St. Francis Academy Annual Designer Bag Bingo

This annual event will take place on **March 5, 2017**. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and Games begin at 1:00 p.m. Location is at St. Francis Academy School Auditorium 668 Pine Street, Bally, PA

St. Aloysius Parish:

IMPORTANT CEMETERY NOTICE

Please be sure to clear any decorations from the cemetery that you wish to keep from your family plots by Sunday, March 5, 2017. Our cemetery personnel will begin the Spring clean-up for Lent on Monday, March 6, 2017 and everything.

TRIVIA NIGHT

The Boyertown Area Senior High Post Prom Committee is hosting a "Trivia Night," to help raise funds for our Post Prom. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 11th**, right here in the basement of St. Columbkil. Get a team of your best friends together, bring some food, and get ready to have a great time. Tickets are \$25/person. Call Kelli DeSieno @ 610-367-6791 to book your table or for any other questions. After 5:00 mass, join us for a great night out and help us provide a memorable and safe Prom night for our kids. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; games begin at 7:00 p.m.



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;
preschool@stcolumbkill.org

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

Coordinators of Religious Education

Patricia & Joseph Petrauskas

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

Weekly and Monthly Meetings

- ◆ Alcoholics Anonymous meets each **Monday**
@ 5:30 pm in Ehst Room
- ◆ Over-eaters Anonymous meets each **Monday**
@ 11 a.m. in Ehst Room
- ◆ Rosary Group meets each **Monday** evening in
Chapel at 7 p.m. during Adoration
- ◆ Men's Prayer Group meets with Deacon Jim the first
Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.
- ◆ The Shawl Ministry meets the third **Tuesday** of each
month in the Conference Room at 10 a.m.
- ◆ The Human Concerns Ministry meets on the 1st
Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in parish
Conference Room
- ◆ Charismatic Prayer Group Meets each **Wednesday**
@ 7 p.m. in Ehst Room
- ◆ 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 AM Mass in the Ehst Room.
Everyone is welcome!

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.