

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



## St. Columbkille Parish

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16 JULY 2017

15th Sunday  
Ordinary Time

“ But  
blessed are  
your eyes,  
because they  
see, and  
your ears,  
because they  
hear. “



Matt  
13:  
1-23

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

### St. Columbkille

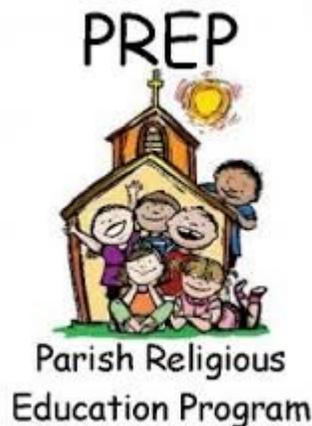
All Guests and New  
Parishioners are most  
**WELCOME!**

Please go to our home  
page where you can  
register online to join  
our wonderful parish  
family!

### PREP Classes Begin September 20, 2017!!!

Registration for the 2017-2018 PREP year is now open. We are offering classes for 3-year-olds up to and including 8th grade. You can register online on our website at: [www.stcolumbkille.org](http://www.stcolumbkille.org). Click on the **PREP page**. You'll discover how to register and pay online for your child's Religious Education classes.

Elementary classes will be capped at **15 students per grade per session.**



Register **NOW** to assure receiving your first choice.

Hard copies of the form and calendar are available in the church office. Please direct questions to our DRE Connie Boyer at **610-367-0153**.

We look forward to another great year of teaching your children about the Good News of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior!

Next Holy Day of  
Obligation

The Feast of the  
Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
On  
Tuesday

August 15, 2017

# ***PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK***

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, July 17**  
9:00AM –Angeline Leap by Gene & Nikki Rinehimer

**Tuesday, July 18**  
9:00 AM –Albert Steuer on his First Anniversary of  
Death by Jim DiCindio

**Wednesday, July 19**  
9:00 AM – Nancy Bruska by Joan Crossley

**Thursday, July 20**  
9:00 AM – Miguel Antonio Vargas by Deacon Joseph  
& Patty Petrauskas

**Friday, July 21**  
9:00 AM – Living and Deceased of St. Columbkil

**Saturday, July 22**  
5:00 PM – Margaret Parente by Mimi & John Parente

**Sunday, July 23**  
7:30 AM – Leon Puzio by Bernie Conley  
9:00 AM – Susan Kochu by Jan Lott (Nana) &  
Michelle Hartman  
11:00 AM – Therese Hauser by George & Nikki  
Rinehimer

*Please Pray  
For the  
following  
Intentions...*



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

*Seaman Recruit Steve Hoffa  
SPC Jeremy Larson  
Jonathan Taylor  
Staff Sgt. Robert Preston  
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  
PV2 Somer Leanne Guhl -1st Calvary Division  
PV2 Ray Fazio  
SFC Ommannan Gonzalez*

**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:	July 17	Father David Gillis
Tue:	July 18	Msgr. William Glosser
Wed:	July 19	Msgr. Gerald Gobitas
Thu:	July 20	Religious priests
Fri:	July 21	Msgr. John Grabish
Sat:	July 22	Father Eric Grube
Sun:	July 23	Father Francis Grundowski

### ***Extended Adoration***

Hours of Adoration in our Holy Family Chapel

Mondays	10 a.m. to Midnight
Tuesdays	Midnight to Midnight
Wednesdays	Midnight to Midnight
Thursdays	Midnight to Midnight
Fridays	Midnight to 5:45 p.m.

\*5:45 p.m. Benediction is celebrated on Fridays

### ***Sanctuary Candle***

In Memory of Regina Peters by Joe & Pat O'Brien

### ***Bread and Wine***

In Honor of George Ditty for his 25<sup>th</sup> years of  
dedication to the Emmanuel Music Ministry

### ***Altar Flower***

In Loving Memory of Marie Liberatori by Family

Last weekend flowers were for: In Loving Memory of  
Dick Curley by Family

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased Member  
of our Parish**

Mary Jean Massaro

## Apologetics-Defending the Faith

A Catholic woman said, "A book I'm reading made a reference to "Pascal's Wager" but without any explanation. I gather it has something to do with proving the existence of God. What light can you shed on this?"

### Answer

"Pascal's Wager," so-called because it was devised by the brilliant Catholic philosopher Blaise Pascal (1623-1662), is an apologetics method in the form of a wager aimed at getting atheists and agnostics to consider the possibility that God exists and that there is a heaven and hell. The beauty of Pascal's Wager is that it is an appeal to the chief god worshipped by atheists: their reason. Fr. Joseph H. Cavanaugh, C.F.C., explains in his apologetics handbook, *Evidence for Our Faith*, Pascal addresses his argument to the typical man of the world who regards making money and amusing himself, not as a means to the end, but the real purpose of existence. Even if he refuses to consider his ultimate destiny, Pascal maintains such a man cannot avoid wagering about it. In practice, he must stake everything on one of two propositions, either (A) that there is a purpose in life (God made us for life with him); or (B) that there is not. Man cannot refuse to wager for by doing so he implies that there is no purpose in life.

Under one guise or another, human selfishness is always urging man to stake everything on "B". Pascal tries to show that it is far more reasonable - even from the viewpoint of self-interest - to stake all on "A". If you bet everything on "B" and "A" is the truth, you lose an eternal good. But if you stake all on "A" and "B" is the truth, you lose only a few temporal pleasures.

Pascal describes the thoughts of the typical man in these words: "I know not whence I came or whither I go. I only know that on quitting this world, I shall fall forever either into nothingness or into the hands of an angry God [Heb 10:31] . . . And yet I conclude that I should pass all the days of my life without bothering to inquire into what must happen to me. Perhaps I might find some solution to my doubts, but I do not want to take the trouble. . . I intend to go forward without looking ahead and without fear toward this great event, facing death carelessly, still uncertain as to the eternity of my future state" (*Pensees* III, 194). **In other words, Pascal thinks it is not merely a moral tragedy but an intellectual blunder to wager on "B", that is, to refuse to recognize a purpose in life.** He feels sure the typical man would soon have faith if he renounces pleasure. At least he should search for the truth. "According to the doctrine of chance, you should search earnestly for the truth, for if you die without worshipping the True Cause, you are lost. 'But,' you say, 'if God had wished me to worship him, he would have left me Signs of his will.' Indeed, God has done so (Rom 1:18-21; 2:14- 16); but you ignore them. "

<https://www.catholic.com/qa/what-is-pascals-wager>

## Ministries & Stewardship



### *Christmas in July for Boyertown Area Multi-Service Food Pantry*

The Human Concerns Ministry is sponsoring "Christmas in July."

Slips of paper with the Boyertown Area Multi-Service's most needed items will be distributed at all Masses the weekend of July 22nd and 23rd.

**\* Items will be collected at all Masses the weekend of July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.** It is our goal to restock the pantry at the Boyertown Area Multi-Service at a time when the donations are usually less plentiful. Food items will include: Canned fruit, applesauce, canned potatoes, pork and beans, tuna, peas, carrots, mixed vegetables, Cheerios, Rice Krispies, pancake mix and syrup, instant mashed potatoes, spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, rice-a-roni, ramen noodles (chicken or beef), bagged white rice #1 or #2, jello and pudding mix, brownie and cake mix, jelly, oatmeal, boxed crackers, microwave popcorn, granola bars, bottled juice. We will also include non-food items including: deodorant, razors, q-tips, hand soap, body soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, paper plates and napkins. Please participate as you are able to help feel our less fortunate neighbors.

### ***TWO YEAR ANNIVERSARY FOR CAPITAL FUND!***

Facilitating Faith Lift Campaign has reached its two year anniversary! In addition to the bathroom renovations, addition of two family bathrooms and hallway update, the following has been completed in Quinn Hall:

- \*Kitchen walls built, two windows on parking lot side of the church have been closed in.
- \*Painting and walls has begun and wainscoting installed.
- \*Plumbing in kitchen is set up, awaiting appliances and sink arrival.
- \*Air handler installed above kitchen, which will be connected soon.
- \*Wiring set in place. LED lights installed, hanging light fixtures to be installed soon.
- \*AV system is currently being installed.
- \*Flooring going in.

Thanks for your support through prayers & pledges!

## Youth Group (7th-12th Grades)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

#### **Steubenville Youth Conference**

**July 14-July 16**

Please pray for our teens and chaperones traveling to Steubenville East at the University of Massachusetts Lowell Campus. Pray that they are open to God this weekend.

#### **Mini-golf at Waltz Golf Farm**

**TENTATIVE DATE-Tuesday, July 25th**

7:00pm to approx. 9:00pm

Meet at Waltz's Golf Farm for a night out with Youth Group! Bring approximately \$8 with you for your admission to mini-golf. If you want ice cream, bring money for that as well. Anyone who needs a ride should let Heather know no later than Friday, July 21st. Chaperones are needed to drive teens to Waltz as well as stay at the golf farm. Please let Heather know if you are attending and if you are meeting there.

#### **Welcome Picnic**

Sunday, August 20th

12-2pm...Location-TBD

Before you go back to school, come and find out what youth group is all about! Please bring a side dish, drink or dessert with you- the main dish will be provided. Meet new friends before going back to school and learn about what fun things are coming up in the Fall. OH... don't forget to bring something to tie-dye!

#### **Volunteers Needed**

Youth Group is in need of volunteers to help chaperone monthly meetings throughout the year! We are a growing youth group and Heather could use some help. If you are interested and God is calling you to help, please contact Heather Shainline. IMPORTANT: You MUST have all clearances to volunteer. See the main office for all necessary paperwork.

Contact Heather at: [youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org)

### **YOUNG ADULTS (18-34 YRS)**

**July 29th- Join us for a Philadelphia**

**Phillies game!! Game time is at**

**7:05 p.m.**

**We will be tailgating before the game if interested. Check our Facebook Page to sign up.**



## Mission Trip Wrap-up by Heather

Our week was filled with service to many groups of people and organizations, ranging from working with a resident staining her deck, organizing food at a food bank, preparing for a day camp for kids with disabilities, painting a man's house and cleaning out a garage for a mother who has a daughter with a disability. We listened to testimonies from camp staff about how they have encountered Jesus in their lives, the challenges they faced with it and their challenge to us to be a more open with God and what he has in store for us all! Together, we created new friendship, danced on stage, praised and worshiped God, celebrated Mass together, experienced Reconciliation in a different way and more than anything we LET GO and LET GOD! Oh... we also went to the beach!

My description does not do this trip any justice. I had such a great time getting to know all of our teens in a different light. Our teens DO love God and they want to do His work of serving others. I firmly believe we were meant to be on this earth to help one another out... now that we have done it in Dover, my hopes are we continue to do this in our hometowns!

*I want to thank our chaperones-- Kim Frattone, June Kelly, Ken Reber, Joe Repko and Marlee Snyder-- without them I could not have pulled this together. They truly are angels from Heaven. Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!*

*Thank you to our teens--I have never seen such an amazing group of kids before! Your manners to the residents/organizations we worked with, dedication to each project and perseverance through the 90 degree weather was inspiring. They all got along and met others*

*Thank you to our sponsors and all those who donated snacks, materials etc. to our trip. We were more than prepared going to our sites and everything came in handy! Most of all we want to thank you for your continuous prayers. Our trip went smoothly and we had beautiful weather (even though it was SO hot!).*

I am looking forward to planning the next trip for next year. I hope more teens sign up and talk to those who went. I think it is safe to say that we all got something out of it (chaperones and teens) and our relationship with God has grown.

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



### *St. Francis Academy*

668 Pine Street  
Bally, PA  
[www.sfabally.org](http://www.sfabally.org)

**Plastic Cash summer sales-** at SFA Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. ***Please come to the kitchen door in the back of the school on both days.***

**Please save** Boxtops for Education and Redners tapes over the summer. Thank you for all your support.

**Don't forget** to recycle that newspaper! The bins are in the school parking lot ( **no cardboard or phone books, please**).

**School Office Summer Hours: Tue. and Thurs. 8-2.**

**Registration** for the 2017-18 school year is ongoing for PreK-8, offering a **full day** Kindergarten program. Please call the school or visit our website, [www.sfabally.org](http://www.sfabally.org), for more information.

### ***YOUTH HUMOR FOR THIS WEEK***

Fr. O'Malley tells of a time early in his ministry when he arrived in a small town as a visiting priest. Wanting to mail a letter, he asked a young boy where the post office was. When the boy had told him, Fr. O'Malley thanked him and said, 'If you'll come to Mass this Sunday, you can hear me telling everyone how to get to heaven.'

The boy replied, 'I don't think I'll be there... You don't even know your way to the post office.'



## Catholic Youth Quiz

ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

**Who got thrown into a den of lions but didn't get hurt in the Old Testament?**

1. Daniel
2. Harry
3. Andrew
4. Kyle

**Why was Daniel put into the lion's den?**

1. he stole some honey
2. because he prayed
3. because he was too tall
4. he was mean to the people

**What did Noah tell the people to do?**

1. go to war
2. repent
3. start collecting animals for the Ark
4. make him a nicer place to live

**What did God say He would do because the people wouldn't listen to Noah?**

1. start a wildfire
2. send a flood
3. stop the earth from getting rain
4. make an earthquake

**What did God put in the sky to tell Noah that He would never punish the world in the same way ever again?**

1. a rainbow
2. a cloud shaped like a cross
3. a jet
4. an eagle

**Greetings to all Parents and/or Guardians of our St. Columbkil Preschool Students.**

Thank you for entrusting your children to our care during this past year!

We are now preparing for our St. Columbkil 2017-2018 School Year.

So...if you have a child (children) who will be either 3 years or 4 years of age on or before September 10, 2017, go to our website & register them!

<http://stcolumbkil.org/preschool-registration-forms>

## Father Marty's Corner

What a great parable! The sower goes out to seed the garden. How will the garden grow? I suppose this is always a good question for the gardener. Anyone who invests his/her time and energy into this pastoral endeavor yearns to know if his/her hard work will pay off. It is not something that is answered quickly. It takes time and patience. The garden needs to be tended, watered and receive the proper sunlight and fertilization. All of these factors are important. Jesus could not have given a more concrete image to explain that His Word goes out and is received in different ways and at different times by the hearer. The images He uses make it very clear.



My own reflection on this gospel is that I have heard the Sacred Scriptures almost every single day for thirty-two years. Yet, there are days when I hear something in one of the readings that I truly believe I have never heard before. Well the fact of the matter is that I “physically” heard the Scripture before. But, in reality, was I listening? I believe we hear things much more clearly when we are in need or struggling. Sometimes we hear because we have had an experience that has opened us to hear something that in the past would have gone right by us. This is the beauty of God’s word. It is active and effective. It is alive and penetrates the darkness and hardness of our hearts when we least expect it. We shouldn’t just focus on cultivating our soil but rather have confidence that God will do what God does. Remember His promise: “My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.” Is 55:11

## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Matt 13: 1-23

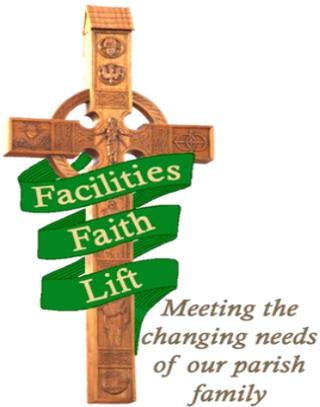
On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand*. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: *You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them.*

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

"Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

# 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.

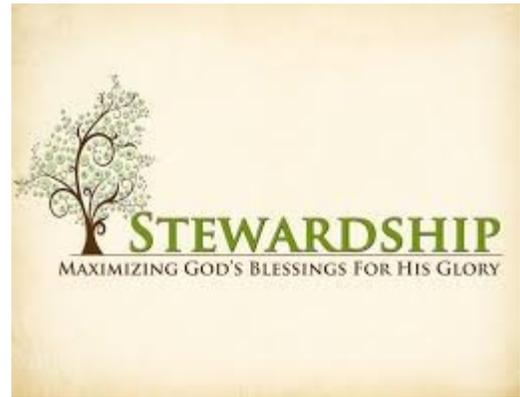
Please don't forget your pennies for our Penny Pledge. There is a container in the Narthex to accept your pennies as you come for weekly Mass. Our milestone is \$10,000. As we inch closer to reaching this, our total deposits to date are **\$9,795.94!** At this rate we are well on track to exceed expectations!

Please contact **Gayle Fontaine** at the parish office if you have any questions at all concerning your pledge payment.

Thank you for your continued support of our Facilities Faith Lift Campaign!

## THANK YOU CHILDREN!!

**Our Penny Pledge is at \$9,795.94!!!!  
We'd like to reach our milestone of \$10,000  
as soon as we can and it's  
because of you, His children, that this is  
happening way ahead of schedule!  
Drop your pennies off even during the  
summer month!** When Jesus said in the Gospel, "Let the Children come to me" He was talking about all of you! You are all truly doing His work here at our parish in Boyertown!



## Weekly Collection

Fiscal Year July 2017 —June 2018

### Weekend of July 8 & 9—2017

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$13,800.00
Actual Weekly Offering .....	\$12,021.93
Net Weekly Shortage.....	<b>-\$1,778.07</b>
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$27,600.00
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$25,200.86
YTD Shortage.....	<b>-\$2,399.15</b>

### Weekend of July 1 & 2—2017

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$13,800.00
Actual Weekly Offering .....	\$13,178.93
Net Weekly Shortage.....	<b>-\$621.07</b>
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$13,800.00
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$13,178.93
YTD Shortage.....	<b>-\$621.07</b>

### Facilities Faith Lift Prayer

Thank you, Father, for every blessing comes from you. You gifted us with time, talent and treasure. Teach us to give time first to You. Teach us how to pray. You bestowed on us unique talents. By unifying our gifts, You connect us as one body. Teach us how to serve. Time and talent together create our treasures. Teach us how to glorify YOU with every breath of our lives. Amen!

### Facilities Faith Lift New Pledges!!

Do you see all the work going on in Quinn Hall? It is awesome to watch the progress of our growing and vibrant parish family!!

Our Pledge Campaign still has a little over a year left and if you have not pledged to this wonderful campaign we are asking you to consider doing so. *In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi... we are begging!* There are pledge cards in the Narthex of the Church. More information to follow on this. Thank you!

## Parish News and Information

### OUR SENIOR GROUP

**NEXT SENIOR GROUP  
MONTHLY  
MEETING :**  
July 2017—No Meeting  
Aug 10, 2017—1pm.



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 TRIPS

Group is open to people 50 years of age and have paid their current membership dues.

1. There is a trip to Hollywood Casino on **July 20, 2017**. Waiting list only.
2. We are planning a trip to New York City to see the 9/11 memorial and museum on Thursday, **September 21, 2017**. If anyone is interested, call Peg at [610 754-7516](tel:6107547516). We need at least 30 people to make this possible. Cost is approx. **\$80** and includes transportation and admission to museum.
3. Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on **October 5, 2017** to see "Come Blow Your Horn". Cost is \$81/ members, \$86/guests.

The Senior Group Picnic will be held on  
**September 14, 2017 at Ringing Hills Picnic Grove.**  
Call Don Gilbert to sign up: 610-369-5950



### *Did you know?*

That Saint Jerome is best known for his translation of most of the Bible into Latin (the translation that became known as the Vulgate), and his commentaries on the Gospels. His list of writings is extensive. He lived at the end of the 4th and beginning of the 5th century, dying in 420 A.D. His feast day is September 30th.

**Question:** What saint was said to have had seven demons that Jesus eventually cast out?  
**Hint:** Their feast day is in July.

**Last week's Answer:** Can you name the female Saint of the 20th Century who forgave her murderer? St. Maria Goretti was murdered on July 6, 1902 by Alessandro Serenellis. Before she died she said that she forgave Alessandro, whom she knew. Her feast day is July 6.

## News/Events

### *Welcome New Members to our Parish Family of St. Columbkil*

Stephen and Maria Bekesy  
Sean Nicole Ervin  
Matthew and Amanda Garr  
Joseph O'Brien  
Samantha Jordan  
Stephon and Amanda Shrawder  
Zachary Slaby and Marissa Przezer  
Ronald and Mary Stranix III

### *Baptisms from April –June 2017*

Everly – daughter of John and Jennifer Arndt  
Temperance Ann – daughter of John and Rebecca Cetrone  
Carter John – son of Adam and Samantha Duncan  
Laurel – daughter of Kyle and Megan Pezoldt  
Rooney-son of Frederick and Lauren Rodgers III  
Eleanor Kat – daughter of John and Katie Scaduto  
Grayson Matthew-son of Stephen and Tracy Schott  
Leo Michael -son of Vincent and Michele Sottosanti  
Nicholas Robert – son of Terry and Nicole Stahl  
Alexandra Shae – daughter of Robert and Kathryn Tilley  
Joshua Louis Jr.– son of Joshua and Nicole Varady  
Zachary Taylor – son of Joshua and Nicole Varady  
Finnbar Sullivan – son of Martin and Joanna White  
Christian Bartley – son of Jason and Kelly Wright



## Parish News and Events

### ***Cub Pack 545 Collecting Redner's Receipts***

Our Cub Pack is collecting Redner's receipts as a fundraiser! If you use your Redner's card and would like to help then please place your receipts in the clear-plastic, labeled container in the Narthex. Thank you for your support!

### ***Widow and Widowers Grief Support***

The next "REACH OUT" sessions will be at MBS July 23rd, 1 PM in Fr. Schneider Hall. The following meeting will be on the August 13<sup>th</sup> at St Columbkil's office meeting room Summer is here, ready or not. Some will find this summer particularly stressful. Given due respect, working through grief can bring us to new discoveries as we respond to life's changes. For more information please call Dcn. Mike Boyle at 484-336-9849.

### ***Parish Council Meeting***

For those on Parish Council, please note there will be NO meeting during the month of July. The next meeting will be held in our Conference Room on Wednesday, August 23<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Please mark your calendars accordingly.

### ***ATTENTION PRAYER SHAWL MEMBERS***

Our next meeting is July 18<sup>th</sup> after the Daily Mass, approximately 9:40 a.m. in the Office Conference Room. We would like ALL knitters and crocheters to attend. If anyone would like to join our group, we invite them also. We have a high request rate for shawls and lap robes and cannot keep up with the demand if we don't have the hands to do the work. Please consider helping us continue our ministry.

### ***Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.***

This week, our second collection will be for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in 20 Countries. Funds help support education, reconstruction, formation and poverty outreach. For more information visit : [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee)

### ***CONGRATS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL HONOR STUDENTS!***

**Villa Maria Academy Honors for 2nd Semester**

Ana Belen Guerin—FIRST HONORS

**Berks Catholic H. S. Honors for 4th Quarter**

Victoria M. DeMarco & Victoria L. Zandier—FIRST HONORS; Jacob D. Coralnick—SECOND HONORS

**Pope John Paul II H.S. Year End Honors**

Caroline M. Frattone, Yamil G. Santiago, & Anne Marie G. Frattone—SECOND HONORS

***Helpers Pilgrimage: Aug 12th...*** Please join the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at a Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn and all those involved in abortion. **The pilgrimage** begins with Mass at 8:00 AM at Notre Dame Church of Bethlehem, 1861 Catasauqua Road and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way in the Bethlehem Industrial Park. Contact Info: [610-674-4624](tel:610-674-4624)/ <https://m.facebook.com/Helpers-of-Gods-Precious-Infants-of-Allentown>



## Staff Directory

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

## Weekly and Monthly Meetings

- ◆ Alcoholics Anonymous meets each **Monday**  
@ 5:30 p.m. in Ehst Room
- ◆ Over-eaters Anonymous meets each **Monday**  
@ 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.
- ◆ Human Concerns Ministry meets on the 1st **Wed.** of  
each month at 7 pm in parish Conference Room
- ◆ Charismatic Prayer –Bible Group Meets each  
**Wednesday** @ 7:15 p.m. in Downstairs Hall– Info:  
Sue - 610-367-4711 or Don dondenick@comcast.net
- ◆ The Senior Group meets 2nd **Thursday** of each  
month in Downstairs Hall at 1 p.m.
- ◆ Bible Study held on **Thursday** mornings following  
the 9 a.m. Mass in the Ehst Room.

### Sacramental Life

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession**

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or any time by contacting the Parish Office

#### **Sacrament of Baptism**

- 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 12:15 p.m.

Baptism Prep Classes for parents and godparents are held the 2nd of the month at 12:15 p.m.  
in the EHST Room.

#### **Sacrament of Matrimony**

Arrangements must be made a minimum of 6 months in advance.

All Couples must participate in the Marriage Prep Program.