

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



## St. Columbkille Parish

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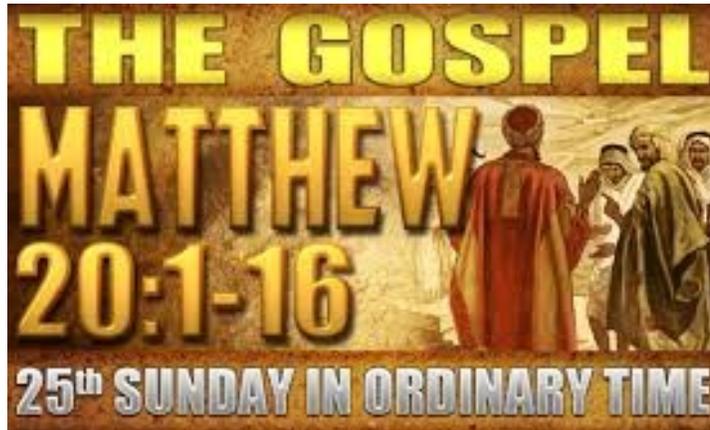
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24 SEP 2017

## 25th Sunday Ordinary Time

"...Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."



Matt  
20:  
1-16

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

### HEAR YE, HEAR YE!!!!

#### Cursillo Weekends for Men & Women in Allentown Diocese



This year the Men's Cursillo Weekend is from October 12 thru October 15, 2017 and the Women's weekend is from October 19 thru October 22, 2017. Both weekends will be held at the Saint Francis Center for Renewal in Bethlehem, PA.

What is a Cursillo Weekend about? Great question! Visit the Cursillo Movement website at: [www.allentown-cursillo.org](http://www.allentown-cursillo.org)

An added treat for both St. Columbkille and Most Blessed Sacrament's men is that *Msgr. Coyle, former pastor at MBS, is the Spiritual Director for the men's weekend!*

*And for the women it will be Fr. Richard Brensinger!*

If you've haven't done anything for yourself spiritually in the last few years...a Cursillo Weekend is for you. Always, remember that Jesus is calling each of us by name...He may be calling you now! Hope you can join us. For more information, contact the Lay Director of Cursillo, Woody Siciliano at: 610 779-0225 or email at: [wdy561@yahoo.com](mailto:wdy561@yahoo.com)

**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!

#### **Basket Party** **Early Bird Deadline**

Donations of baskets and door prizes for the basket party are welcome anytime, but **Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at noon** is the deadline to donate a basket in order to be eligible for the Early Bird Raffle drawing. Stay tuned for further details on this valuable prize basket. Meanwhile, get creative and help us *celebrate new beginnings!*

# PRA YFUL INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, September 25**

9:00 AM – Susan Kochu by Deacon Joseph & Patty Petrauskas

**Tuesday, September 26**

9:00 AM –Theresa Kriebel by husband, Don

**Wednesday, September 27**

9:00 AM – Albert Steuer by Walt and Jane Steuer

**Thursday, September 28**

9:00 AM – Helen M. Walborn by Trish & Pat Walborn & Family

**Friday, September 29**

9:00 AM – Mary Ceil Landry by Phyllis Rieger

**Saturday, September 30**

5:00 PM – Dick Curley by the Family

**Sunday, October 1**

7:30 AM – Those Enrolled in the Iona Memorial

9:00 AM – Susan Kochu by Jan Lott (Nan) & Michelle Hartm

11:00 AM – James & Augusta Corry by daughter, Maria and Family

*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*

*LTJG Daniel Patti, USN*

*1st LT Joseph Patti, USA*

***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."***

### ***Sanctuary Candle***

With Prayerful Thoughts & Remembrance of Dominic & Caroline Di Guglielmo by, daughter and son-in-law

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

In Loving Memory of Antonette Williams & Anna Dorazio by granddaughter, Antonette and husband Joe

### ***Altar Flowers***

In Loving Memory of wife, Susan Kochu, on her One Year Anniversary of Loss by husband, Jim

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

Mon: Sep 25	Fr. John McCann
Tue: Sep 26	Fr. John McCaslin
Wed: Sep 27	Fr. Robert McConaghy
Thu: Sep 28	Fr. Edward McElduff
Fri: Sep 29	Fr. John McGinley
Sat: Sep 30	Fr. Timothy McIntire
Sun: Oct 01	His Holiness Pope Francis

## ***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

## Apologetics-Defending the Faith

Our Protestant brothers and sisters do not believe in apostolic succession. Even granting that Jesus chose Peter as earthly head of the Church, and the apostles as its leaders, what evidence is there that their successors assumed their power?

### ANSWER

This is the real issue that separates Catholics from other Christians. I doubt very much that anybody, Fundamentalist or mainline Protestant, denies the authority of the apostles. The very fact that there were apostles and that Christ explicitly commanded them to "go forth and teach whatsoever I have commanded you" is too powerful to ignore or deny. The real problem is in the question of their transferring that mission to others who decidedly were not apostles.

That this teaching authority can reside elsewhere than solely among the apostles, is amply demonstrated. Of the four Gospels, two were written by men who were not apostles, and yet their writings bear the stamp of divine inspiration and authentic teaching. There is no record anywhere of Luke's ever having met Christ, and he was certainly not one of the Twelve. Mark may have seen Christ in the flesh and indeed may have been the young man in the garden who fled naked when someone tore from his back the sheet he'd wrapped himself in. Matthias was chosen as apostle by the other apostles to replace Judas Iscariot.

This choice was, according to the Acts of the Apostles, made directly under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Once elected, he was treated exactly as one of the original Twelve. In other words, the Bible itself shows that Jesus gave the apostles the power to appoint successors.

Answered by: Fr. Hal Stockert  
(catholic.com)

## Ministries & News

### *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults -*

It is not too late to join **RCIA - the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** and get your questions answered about the Catholic faith. We will continue to meet on Thursday evenings at **7PM** in the parish office. For more information, contact Margaret Chovanec at [margaretc@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:margaretc@stcolumbkill.org) or [610-248-2171](tel:610-248-2171).



### *October 1st is Respect Life Sunday.*

At all Masses on the weekend of **September 30th and October 1st** the Knights of Columbus will be

asking for your contributions for a "Rose for Life", the symbol of the Pro-Life movement. Remember, you are not "buying a rose", but offering support to Birthright (a Pottstown pro-life pregnancy center), to A Baby's Breath (two pro-life pregnancy centers in the Norristown area), the Pro-Life Coalition of Southeastern Pennsylvania, and to shelters that house and feed people in need. Please help those who can't help themselves.

*And Pray the Rosary to End Abortion.*

## Sisters of St. Francis Raffle

### **RAFFLE!!**

Just ten bucks will support the Sisters of St. Francis in reaching out to the poor and provide for their elderly retired sisters.



Next week, September 30th and Oct. 1st, 2017, after each Mass you will have the opportunity to support this fundraising effort. Please come prepared with name stickers, a check (made out to the "Sisters of St. Francis") or just ten bucks. P.S. Save time by bringing your address labels.

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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

#### **Friday, September 29th**

Cookie Baking at SFA

6-9pm

No baking experience needed Please arrive on time so we can beat our record of 30 pounds of cookies! Please meet at the Carnival building directly next to SFA in Bally.

#### **Saturday, September 30th**

Dorney Park Trip

Sign up by September 19th- Bring your friends and family! Tickets cost \$29pp. Please let Heather know if you need a ride.

#### **Saturday, October 7th**

MercyMe Concert

5:30-10:30pm

Santander Arena

Please sign up to see MercyMe by September 30th! Tickets are \$33.00pp. Only 30 tickets available. Friends and family are welcome. Please let Heather know if you need a ride.

#### **\*\*Fall Newsletter**

Our Youth Group Newsletter will out this Sunday, September 10, 2017

**\*\*\*Next year's Steubenville Weekend occurs on July 13– July 15 2018! Mark those calendars!**



### ***“Protecting God’s Children Workshop”***

Our church will be hosting a Protecting God’s Children Workshop on Saturday, **October 7, 2017 from 9:00 AM to 12 PM 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](tel:610-367-2371).

We look forward to seeing you on October 7th!

## Life Teen Blog

Hurricane Harvey: Finding the Divine in the Disaster

by [COURTNEY KIOLBASSA](#)

“Whoever loves God must also love his brother.” 1 John 4:21

For many people, Hurricane Harvey can seem far-off. It’s a hashtag. A photo. Another voice in the background of a busy world. My challenge to you is to ask how you are being called to love. Let this disaster come close; the suffering is real, and we can’t let it become just another news story. Here are my suggestions:

**Pray For:** Take time to intercede for the people of Texas, for the success of relief efforts, and especially for the most vulnerable.

**Pray About:** Let your prayer stir you to **action**. Pray about what you would want others to do for you in this situation, and **examine what you have to offer**.

**Research:** Not all donations are created equal. Monetary donations, given to reputable organizations, are most immediately effective.

Some organizations you can offer direct, immediate support to are Catholic Charities, St. Vincent de Paul of Galveston-Houston, and Adore Ministries. This is a time of great need and I’m trying not to let my humanitarianism end when the flood waters recede; but we as Christians must orient our lives around advocating for and assisting the most vulnerable. Love is a lifestyle, not a single action; begin that lifestyle today by doing what you can. Friends, God is here. God is moving through those who love, and He wants you to be part of it. Never lose sight of hope.

**Let us continue to pray for all the people affected by Hurricane Harvey in Texas and Hurricane Irma in the State of Florida**

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



### *St. Francis Academy*

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

Sept. 29 – School Liturgy 10:45

By now our SFA families know about our “275 Hedge Fund”. It really is about bushes! We will be sharing this project with our parishioners as well. Stay tuned!

### *1<sup>st</sup> Annual SFA Scholarship Fund Golf Outing* SPREAD THE WORD!

We will be holding our First Golf Outing to support a scholarship fund for the students of St. Francis Academy on Monday, October 2 at the Butter Valley Golf Port.

Shot gun starts at 12:30 pm rain or shine. Lunch, prizes and raffles begin at 4:30pm. 100% of proceeds fund student scholarships.

Individual golf package \$70, foursome \$260 includes course fees, green fees, and dinner. See the back table info/ registration forms or contact Karen Kinn, fundraising chair at 484-432-0780 or [sfafund@gmail.com](mailto:sfafund@gmail.com)  
Thank you for your support.

Registration continues for the 2017-18 school year, 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*

A 4th grade PREP Catechist was teaching her class about the difference between right and wrong.

"All right children, let's take another example," she said. "If I were to get into a man's pocket and take his billfold with all his money, what would I be?"

Little Johnny raises his hand, and with a confident smile, he blurts out, "You'd be his wife!"

**And the Catechist just had to smile!**

## Announcements

*Cub Pack 545* is starting their next scouting season! Cub Scouts is for grades K-5 and we meet on Monday evenings from 7-8pm.



If you know a young boy who likes to have fun and learn different skills with

their family and friends please reach out to Dan Trout

at: [danielatroutr@netscape.net](mailto:danielatroutr@netscape.net) or

610-473-2285. Information for scouting units in our area can be found online at: [beascout.org](http://beascout.org)

### ***COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES!***

It's that time of year again, we are forming our plans for the cookie baking for the annual Saint Francis Academy Bazaar. This is the largest fundraiser for our school. We are in need of volunteers. If you have any time please consider forming a baking team, joining an existing baking team, mixing the dough, or sheeting the dough. Bakers can bake any time during the day or in the evening. Please call or text Angie Snyder for more details... [610-858-8740](tel:610-858-8740)

### ***FALL CLEANOUT***

SFA Fall Used Clothing Drive will be held

Saturday, **September 30<sup>th</sup>** from **7:30 AM to 10:30 AM**, in the SFA school parking lot. Any questions please call Megan at [610-730-5441](tel:610-730-5441) or email [mbwilson@hotmail.com](mailto:mbwilson@hotmail.com).

**\*\*PLEASE DO NOT DROP DONATIONS OFF  
AT THE MBS RECTORY.**

## Father Marty's Corner

Our gospel today presents us with Peter asking Jesus about forgiveness and how many times we have to forgive. I can see asking this question when we have felt particularly hurt by someone or some situation. We are tired of forgiving and we want to retreat into a stance of hardness of heart. Then, we will not have to deal with the pain. However, this stance provides protection but not freedom.

We are only truly free when the love of God allows us to consciously forgive and be set free. If we reflect on the depth of God's forgiveness and realize that His forgiveness knows no limits, we realize that we are recipients of His mercy because of that.



God is willing to forgive us. How can we not work at forgiving one another? It does not always come easily or quickly but if we are serious about living the Christian life we must embrace the hard work of forgiveness. Ultimately, we will be free if we do not allow situations and people to capture our peace. May the message of Jesus to Peter be a message of hope for each of us.

God does provide the grace we need to make this work of forgiveness happen.

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Matt 20: 1-16

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off.

And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.'

When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

# 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 two 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 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 total to date is???????????????

We are keeping the total a secret until **in September**, Father Marty will make a special announcement.



Until then, please continue to bring in your pennies and deposit them into the coin container in the narthex.

Every penny counts!! We wish to thank you for your consistent giving!



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2017-2018 Fundraising Events

- Oct 17, 2017      Boscov's Friends Helping Friends
- Oct 20, 2017      Basket Party
- Nov. 11, 2017     3rd Annual Chili Cook-off
- Dec 2&3 2017     Food & Craft Fest
- February 2018    St. Columbkil Monthly Lottery
- Mar 17, 2018      Night at the Races
- Mar 24, 2018      Pellman Cake Sale
- Apr 27-29, 2018   Attic Treasures
- June 9, 2018       2nd Annual Golf Outing

These are our Fund Raisers for the coming 9 months. Fr. Marty thanks you all in advance for all you do and contribute to our growing and vibrant parish! We look forward to a successful year and much fun! More info to come as each event approaches!

## 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 :  
October 12 at 1 p.m.



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. Trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on **October 5, 2017** to see "Come Blow Your Horn".  
Cost is \$81/ members, \$86/guests.

Thanks to all who participated in the  
Senior Group Picnic

Call Don Gilbert for info on joining!  
610-369-5950

### MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

We are privileged to welcome Dale Ahlquist to speak at:  
SFA auditorium **Friday evening at 7 p.m., October 13,**  
668 Pine St. Bally, PA.

**"G.K. Chesterton: A Prophet for the 21st Century"**

You are now able to pay for your tickets online. Just go to  
the MBS website, [www.mbsbally.org](http://www.mbsbally.org) . Tickets are \$10 each.  
OR

You may mail a check for your tickets to:

MBS  
610 Pine Street  
Bally, PA 19503  
ATTN: G.K. Chesterton

If you pay online thru MBS website, you'll have to open an  
account on their site, similar to the one you opened on ours  
to purchase tickets online. Very Easy.

Questions, queries, and RSVP's to be made to Margaret  
Chovanes: (610) 248-2171 or [mchova1084@gmail.com](mailto:mchova1084@gmail.com)

### Did you know?

The Didache , also known as *The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles*, is a brief anonymous early Christian treatise, dated by most modern scholars to the first century. The first line of this treatise is "The teaching of the Lord to the Gentiles (or Nations) by the twelve apostles". The text, parts of which constitute the oldest extant written catechism, has three main sections dealing with Christian ethics and rituals such as Baptism and Eucharist, and Church organization.

Question: The Church Liturgical Calendar is divided in to "Season". How many seasons are there and can you name them?

**Last week's Answer:** In our faith and in Sacred Scripture, we hear a lot about angels. Can you name the nine different "orders" of angels? How are these 9 orders divided up? The angels are ordered in **3-hierarchies** from highest to lowest: **Seraphim, Cherubim & Thrones; then Dominions, Virtues & Powers; and finally Principalities, Archangels & Angels.**

*And you can look all of this up!*

## News/Events

### "Clothe Your Neighbor"

Human Concerns Ministry is again sponsoring the annual **coat drive** the weekend of **October 14 & 15** (please do not bring before October 14.) While all sizes of new or gently used outerwear will be accepted, a special need again this year is **children's winter outerwear** (coats, jackets, snow pants, boots, and gloves) for infants through teenage sizes. Please search your closets for clean, usable items that you won't need and would keep someone else warm. The coats will be donated to the Community Clothing Rack at St. Luke's Church in Gilbertsville for distribution to families in the Boyertown, Gilbertsville, and surrounding areas.



## Parish News and Events

***Widow and Widowers Grief Support*** The next “REACH OUT” will be on the **September 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at MBS in Fr. Schneider Hall.** Most people underestimate the length and severity of their grief. Our Reach-Out sessions can help. All are welcome to participate. For more information and **for anyone** who has suffered a loss of **any one** close to them, please call Deacon Mike Boyle at [484-336-9849](tel:484-336-9849).

### ***Basket Party Ticket Sales!***

Join us as we “Celebrate New Beginnings” in the newly renovated Quinn Hall for this year’s basket party on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Tickets go on sale after all Masses beginning September 30<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$20 each. *Please note: you must be at least 18 years old to purchase a ticket and to attend the basket party.* New this year: the Knights of Columbus will be preparing hot foods for purchase at the party, including pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers, hotdogs, Italian wedding soup, chicken noodle soup and cole slaw. Only 260 tickets are available, so don’t procrastinate when September 30<sup>th</sup> arrives!

***Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends Event*** to be held Tuesday, **October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 10 PM.** The cost for the pass is \$5 which entitles you to a 25% discount on most items throughout the store the entire day. It’s a great way to get an early start on your holiday shopping while supporting our parish. The passes can be purchased in the Parish Office during business hours.

### ***An Ice Cream Social with Heart***

Did you know that since 1998 there have been a group of people here at St. Columbkil who are “called to be the Heart of God on earth?” We are the Lay Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, or Lay MSC! On Sunday afternoon, **September 24, at 2:00 PM,** we invite you to join us as we host our 5<sup>th</sup> annual ice cream social. If you are interested in deepening your faith journey with a spirituality of the *heart*, come and see who we are and what we’re about! A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex!

### ***LAOH***

American Music Theater **Home for the Holidays...Sat Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>...** Buffet Lunch at Cork N’ Cap restaurant Lancaster prior to show at 3 pm. Cost \$88 includes transportation, lunch, show ticket and gratuity. Leaves Bechtelsville WalMart 10:30 am. Call Kathy at: [610-764-0293](tel:610-764-0293) or JoAnn [610-367-5576](tel:610-367-5576). **Deadline for reservations is: Oct 13<sup>th</sup>.**

***Desire: Fulfilling Our Deepest Longing*** – Are you looking for something more in your life? People search for fulfillment in many ways, but are left with a sense of emptiness. Join us on **September 30, 2017 from 7 to 9pm** for wine and cheese as the Office of Adult Formation hosts national presenter Bill Donaghy. He will explore what and who we are made for so that we can finally attain our desire and fulfill our deepest longing. Place: St. Thomas More Family Center in Allentown. Cost \$10 per person. Register by September 13 and find more information at [www.allentowndiocese.org/desire](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/desire).

### ***A 40 Days for Life Vigil***

Who wants to help save lives in Reading/Berks county? The Vigil is planned at Reading Planned Parenthood Sep 27-Nov 5, 2017. You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization. Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 750,000 volunteers! With God’s help, here are the proven results in 20 coordinated campaigns: 13,000 babies saved from abortion, 154 abortion workers converted and 86 abortion centers closed! Sign up at website: [40daysforlife.com/Reading](http://40daysforlife.com/Reading). Vigil Location: Outside Reading Planned Parenthood 4<sup>th</sup> & Franklin Sts. from 7 am to 4 pm; Monday through Saturday. For more info contact Pro-Life Berks [610-375-3395](tel:610-375-3395) or [kkpcserv@comcast.net](mailto:kkpcserv@comcast.net); [carolyn233@verizon.net](mailto:carolyn233@verizon.net) or [ragehri@dejazzed.com](mailto:ragehri@dejazzed.com)



## ***Staff Directory***

**Pastor** - Father Martin F. Kern

**Weekend Assistant** – Fr. Kevin Bobbin

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

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[lisad@stcolumbkill.org](mailto: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** -

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**Director Communications/Marketing** -

George A. DeFrehn, OFS: [georged@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:georged@stcolumbkill.org)

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**Volunteer Coordinator**—Mary Snyder

**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 p.m. in Ehst Room
- ◆ Over-eaters Anonymous meets each **Monday**  
@ Noon 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.