

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



St. Columbkille Parish

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1 October 2017

**26th Sunday
Ordinary Time**

"Amen, I say
to you,
tax collectors
and
prostitutes
are entering
the kingdom
of God before
you."



**Matt
21:
28-32**

**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!!!!

The time has come: Basket Party Tickets on Sale Now!



Join us as we "Celebrate New Beginnings" in the newly renovated Quinn Hall for this year's basket party on **Friday, October 20th**.

Tickets are on sale after all weekend Masses 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 and buy your tickets now!

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 8th 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, October 2

9:00 AM – Joseph O’Brien, Jr. by Parents, Pat & Joe O’Brien

Tuesday, October 3

9:00 AM – Susan K. Kehl by Connie and Ray Boyer

Wednesday, October 4

9:00 AM – Therese Hauser on her First Anniversary of Death by Dnc. Mike and Mary

Woodall

Thursday, October 5

9:00 AM – For All the Poor Souls

Friday, October 6

9:00 AM – Allan Reid by the Curley Family

Saturday, October 7

5:00 PM – Donald Gehringer Sr. by Thomas, Megan and Abby Droege

Sunday, October 8

7:30 AM – Those Enrolled in the Iona Memorial Fund

9:00 AM – Anna and Joseph Iswalt by Phyllis and Michael Iswalt

11:00 AM – Charlotte Purnell by Susan Fryer and Family

PRA Y FOR OUR PRIESTS

Mon:	Oct 02	Pope Emeritus Benedict
Tue:	Oct 03	Bishop Alfred Schlert
Wed:	Oct 04	Bsh. Emeritus Ed Cullen
Thu:	Oct 05	Father Kenneth Medve
Fri:	Oct 06	Father Brian Miller
Sat:	Oct 07	Father Ronald Minner
Sun:	Oct 08	Fr. Stanley Moczydlowski

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

*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

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

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

In Loving Memory of Alfred De Martino by Jean and Bob Randall

Bread and Wine

In Loving Memory of Noreen Mc Dermott by the Mc Dermott Family

Altar Flowers

In Loving Memory of Dick Curley by Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR DECEASED OF OUR PARISH

Donald Faust - James Aston - Dolores M. Reppert

PLEASE PRAY FOR DECEASED RELATIVES

Sylvia Snow, mother of Frank Snow

Betty Maskrey mother of Greg Maskrey

Catechism of the Catholic Church

431. What purpose do the precepts of the Church have?

The five precepts of the Church are meant to guarantee for the faithful the indispensable minimum in the spirit of prayer, the sacramental life, moral commitment and growth in love of God and neighbor.

Further reading: CCC [2041, 2048](#)

432. What are the precepts of the Church?

They are: 1) to attend Mass on Sundays and other holy days of obligation and to refrain from work and activities which could impede the sanctification of those days; 2) to confess one's sins, receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation at least once each year; 3) to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season; 4) to abstain from eating meat and to observe the days of fasting established by the Church; and 5) to help to provide for the material needs of the Church, each according to his own ability.

Further reading: CCC [2042-2043](#)

433. Why is the Christian moral life indispensable for the proclamation of the Gospel?

Because their lives are conformed to the Lord Jesus. Christians draw others to faith in the true God, build up the Church, inform the world with the spirit of the Gospel, and hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God.

Further reading: CCC [2044-2046](#)

434. "Teacher, what good must I do to have eternal life?" (*Matthew 19:16*).

To the young man who asked this question, Jesus answered, "If you would enter into life, keep the commandments", and then he added, "Come, follow Me" (*Matthew 19:16-21*). To follow Jesus involves keeping the commandments. The law has not been abolished but man is invited to rediscover it in the Person of the divine Master who realized it perfectly in himself, revealed its full meaning and attested to its permanent validity.

Further reading: CCC [2052-2054, 2075-2076](#)

435. How did Jesus interpret the Law?

Jesus interpreted the Law in the light of the twofold yet single commandment of love, the fullness of the Law: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets" (*Matthew 22:37-40*).

Further reading: CCC [2055](#)

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 or [610-248-2171](tel:610-248-2171).



*October 1st is
Respect
Life Sunday.*

**THIS
WEEKEND!**

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

THIS WEEKEND RAFFLE!!

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



THIS WEEKEND!
**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.

Sunday, October 8th

Monthly Meeting

12-2pm

Hall downstairs

At this monthly meeting, we will have a light lunch, learn about the rosary AND the Mission Trip 2018 location will be revealed!

“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!

Future Events

Friday, October 13th

Corn Maze at Wilcox Farms 6-9pm Meet at Wilcox Farm to get lost in the corn maze! We will have smores and fellowship at 8:30... let’s see who can get the most hole punches! Don’t forget to bring a flashlight! If we get 10 or more, the price is \$6.00pp. If not, the price is \$8.00.

Friday, October 27th

Movie night- God’s Not Dead 2 6-9pm Bring a friend! Pizza and popcorn provided. There will be a discussion after the movie.

Saturday, November 11th

Rake with Faith event 8:00am to 1:30pm Grab your rakes and let’s help our neighbors in the Boyertown area who cannot do it themselves! Lunch will be provided after we are finished raking at 1:00pm.

Sunday, November 12th

Monthly Meeting 12-2pm Light lunch provided



Youth Adults (Ages 18-34)

Heather Shainline is our Director of both our Youth Group and our Young Adult Group.

As you can tell by our Sunday Bulletins, the Youth Group is fairly active with much going on year around.

So...Heather is looking for a one, two or three of our Youth Adults to step up and help her with the leadership of this group. This age group is vital to the survival of our Catholic Church and our Parish of St. Columbkil.

So, contact Heather at: youthgroup@stcolumbkil.org if interested!

Message from St. Francis Academy Our Parish Elementary School



St. Francis Academy

668 Pine Street
Bally, PA
www.sfabally.org



Oct. 2 – FORE! 1st Annual SFA Scholarship Fund Golf Outing. 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

Thank you for your support.

Oct. 4 – Feast of St. Francis Mass 10:45 (No Mass Friday this week)
Dedication of our new St. Francis statue following Mass.

Oct. 6 – Annual visit by Eastern Berks Fire Dept.
Gr. Pre-K through 3.

Congratulations to our 2017-18 student council members:

president Monica Guerin, vice president Anthony Adamkovic, secretary Makayla Jones, class representatives Maureen Ryan, Christianna Fraschilla and Valeria Guerin.

REDNERS RECEIPTS

Please continue to save your Redner's receipts and Box Tops for Education for the school. Plastic cash is sold at MBS after all Sunday masses and through school on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Announcements

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)

CYO WINTER SPORTS SIGN-UPS

Calling all 5th - 8th graders: It's almost time for winter sports and we would like to add you to our roster!

St. Francis CYO has open registration for the following:

Boys Basketball (7th – 8th graders for Varsity; 5th – 6th graders for development league)
Girls Basketball (7th – 8th graders for Varsity; 5th – 6th graders for development league)
Girls Cheerleading (5th – 8th grade girls)

All 5th through 8th grade students attending St. Francis Academy or St. Columbkil's Religious Education Program are eligible

Please email saintfranciscyo@gmail.com for a registration packet.

Deadline to register is Tuesday, **October 10th**. Practices to begin in late October. The winter sports season runs through February.

GO BOBCATS!

YOUTH HUMOR OF THE WEEK

These Catholic Kids said some funny things when learning about the Bible!

- ◆ Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark. Noah built an ark, which the animals come on to in pears.
- ◆ Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night."
- ◆ Samson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
- ◆ Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the Apostles.
- ◆ A Christian should have only one spouse. This is called monotony

Father Marty's Corner

Today is Respect Life Sunday. The Catholic Church in the United States focuses on reverencing life from conception to natural death. It appears that as a society, we are concerned about all life. In the face of natural disaster, people seem very concerned about saving lives at all costs and I believe they really mean it. Yet, there are situations in society when we do not seem so convinced that life is sacred. These situations have to do with the unborn, those on death row, those engaging in war, and those facing long painful journeys to death. In many of these cases, we do not extol the importance of life but rather the opposite.



As Mother Teresa states: *Each of us is here today because we have been loved by God who created us and our parents who accepted and cared enough to give us life. Life is the most beautiful gift of God. That is why it is so painful to see what is happening today in so many places around the world; life being deliberately destroyed by war, by violence, by abortion.*

In our second reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians, we hear a message that is read on Palm Sunday and the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It is a hymn to Christ that proclaims that Christ empties Himself by "taking the form of a slave...he humbled Himself...becoming obedient to the point of death... even death on a cross." This hymn reminds us that as Church we should extol the virtues of humility, obedience and self-emptying. In each moment of Jesus life, His actions were for the sake of others. May this hymn fortify our resolve to unite our desire and our will with that of Jesus, the one who has demonstrated extreme humility for our salvation.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Matt 21: 28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:
"What is your opinion?
A man had two sons.
He came to the first and said,
'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'
He said in reply, 'I will not, '
but afterwards changed his mind and went.
The man came to the other son and gave the same order.
He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go.

Which of the two did his father's will?"
They answered, "The first."
Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom of God before you.
When John came to you in the way of righteousness,
you did not believe him;
but tax collectors and prostitutes did.
Yet even when you saw that,
you did not later change your minds and believe him."

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: **\$10,796.35 !!!** **CONGRATULATIONS and thank you for your help in making this milestone a reality.** **Father Marty announced this fantastic news on Sunday, September 10th at the 11am Children's Mass.**

Our new Penny Pledge Milestone is \$15,000.

Please continue to bring in your pennies and deposit them into the coin container in the narthex for the remaining months of our campaign.

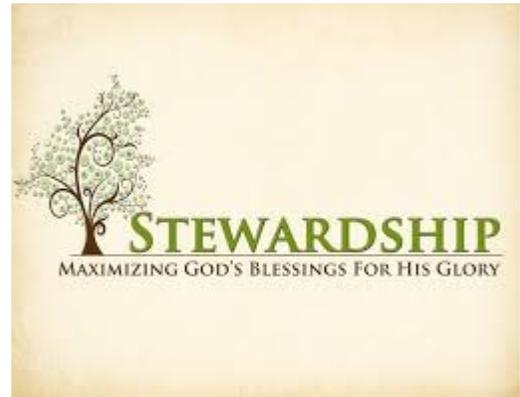
Every penny counts!!

We wish to thank you for your consistent giving!

Facilities Faith Lift New Pledges!!

Come and see our newly renovated Quinn Hall. It is awesome to watch the progress of our growing and vibrant parish family!!

Our Pledge Campaign still has a little less than 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!



Fiscal Year July 2017 —June 2018

Weekend of SEP 23 & 24—2017

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$13,800.00
Actual Weekly Offering	\$11,885.92
Net Weekly Shortage.....	-\$1,914.08
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$179,400.00
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$162,533.08
YTD Shortage.....	-\$16,866.92

Weekend of SEP 16 & 17—2017

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$13,800.00
Actual Weekly Offering	\$12,334.92
Net Weekly Shortage.....	-\$1,465.08
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$165,600.00
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$150,647.16
YTD Shortage.....	-\$14,952.84

Weekend of SEP 9 & 10—2017

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$13,800.00
Actual Weekly Offering	\$13,296.92
Net Weekly Shortage.....	-\$503.08
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$151,800.00
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$138,312.24
YTD Shortage.....	-\$13,487.76

"Texas Relief" Collection amount of **\$9,010.**

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 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

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 . 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

Did you know?

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

Question: What is the longest Liturgical Season & how long is it? What is the shortest...and how long is it?

Last week's Answer: The Church Liturgical Calendar is divided in to "Seasons". How many seasons are there and can you name them? There are six liturgical seasons in the Church calendar.
1. Advent 2. Christmas 3. Lent 4. Sacred Paschal Triduum 5. Easter 6. Ordinary Time.

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 Sunday **October 8th** at St Columbkil’s office meeting room at 1 PM. The following meeting will be on Sunday **October 29th** at MBS’ Fr Schneider Hall at 1 PM. Please note the change from the 4th week to the 5th week of the month due to schedule conflicts. All are welcome to participate. 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](tel:484-336-9849).

Bosco’s Friends Helping Friends Event to be held Tuesday, **October 17th 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.

LAOH

American Music Theater **Home for the Holidays...Sat Nov. 25th**...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 13th**.

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. Vigil Location: Outside Reading Planned Parenthood 4th & 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; carolyn233@verizon.net or ragehri@dejazzed.com

CONGRATULATIONS....

and Prayerful Best Wishes to Michael Fox and Nicole Heydt who were made one in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday September 16, 2017 at a Nuptial Mass celebrated by Fr. Marty Kern

5th ANNUAL HOLY ROSARY SPAGHETTI DINNER **October 11th** @ Victor Emmanuel II from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Don’t miss out on a delicious meal while helping Holy Rosary Church. Everyone invited to attend. Take Outs will be available.

Dinner includes: Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Bread and Butter. Cash Bar, Homemade Baked Goods Sale. Tickets prices are \$10.00 for Adults and \$7.00 for Children call. Charlie Polinko at [610-678-4793](tel:610-678-4793), Linette Razzano at [610-202-9846](tel:610-202-9846) or Christine Lichman at [610-334-1208](tel:610-334-1208)

The Family Fully Alive: 100 Years of Fatima Calling all families! Join us for The Family Fully Alive: 100 Years of Fatima on Sunday, **October 22, 2017**. The Office of Youth, Young Adult and Family Ministry of the Diocese of Allentown invites you to come together as a family to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Our Lady’s appearance at Fatima and learn about what Our Lady told the world at that time! Events will include a family holy hour, Fatima related crafts and activities, and a family meal (pasta, salad, rolls). The celebration will be held at Holy Guardian Angels Parish (3121 Kutztown Rd., Reading). The registration cost of \$10 / family includes dinner and activities for the entire family, and we encourage families with children of all ages to attend! For questions, contact Alexa Doncsecz at adoncsecz@allentowndiocese.org.



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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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.