

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



## *St. Columbkille Parish*

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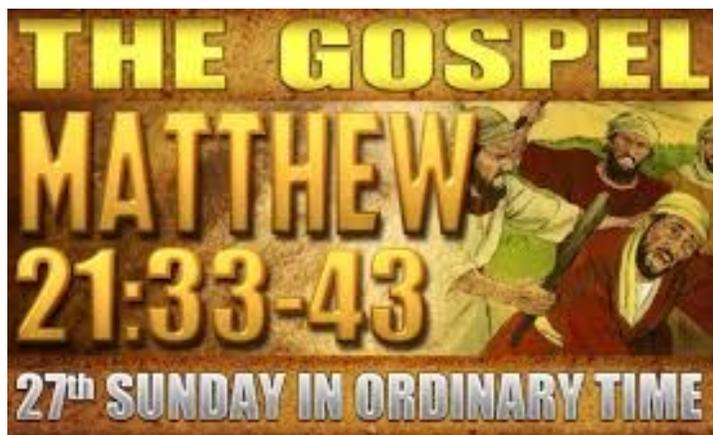
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8 October 2017

**27th Sunday  
Ordinary Time**

**“The stone that  
the builders  
rejected  
has become the  
cornerstone;  
by the Lord has  
this been done,  
and it is won-  
derful in our  
eyes?”**



**Matt  
21:  
33-43**

**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!

***Next Holy Day  
of Obligation is:  
Wednesday  
November 1,  
2017  
Feast of All  
Saints***

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

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, October 9**

9:00 AM – Allan Reid by Dan Holzman and Family

**Tuesday, October 10**

9:00 AM – Joan Marburger by Ellen and George  
Fronheiser

**Wednesday, October 11**

9:00 AM – Kathy Hasselbach by Hector and Anne  
Chenelle

**Thursday, October 12**

9:00 AM – Jack Andre by Carlye Brayton

**Friday, October 13**

9:00 AM – Mary Novak by Family

**Saturday, October 14**

5:00 PM – David Johnston by Ed and Mary Pilcicki

**Sunday, October 15**

7:30 AM – Joan Marburger by Alma Sharrow

9:00 AM – Leonard E. Ryan by the Spatola Family

11:00 AM – George DeFrehn Jr. by Christine &  
George DeFrehn III

*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."*

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

Mon:	Oct 09	Fr. Anthony Mongiello
Tue:	Oct 10	Msgr. David Morrison
Wed:	Oct 11	Fr. Joseph Muller
Thu:	Oct 12	Fr. Michael Mullins
Fri:	Oct 13	Msgr. Anthony Muntone
Sat:	Oct 14	Fr. Elias Munyaneza
Sun:	Oct 15	Deceased Priests

### ***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 Loving Memory of Betty Schott by the  
St. Columbkil Senior Group

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

In Loving Memory of Maureen McHugh by  
Betsy and Henry White

### ***Altar Flowers***

In Appreciation for our Clergy from the Parish

## Catechism of the Catholic Church

### 436. What does "Decalogue" mean?

Decalogue means "ten words" (*Exodus* 34:28). These words sum up the Law given by God to the people of Israel in the context of the Covenant mediated by Moses. This Decalogue, in presenting the commandments of the love of God (the first three) and of one's neighbor (the other seven), traces for the chosen people and for every person in particular the path to a life freed from the slavery of sin.

*Further reading:* CCC [2056-2057](#)

### 437. What is the bond between the Decalogue and the Covenant?

The Decalogue must be understood in the light of the Covenant in which God revealed himself and made known his will. In observing the commandments, the people manifested their belonging to God and they answered his initiative of love with thanksgiving.

*Further reading:* CCC [2058-2063](#), [2077](#)

### 438. What importance does the Church give to the Decalogue?

The Church, in fidelity to Scripture and to the example of Christ, acknowledges the primordial importance and significance of the Decalogue. Christians are obliged to keep it.

*Further reading:* CCC [2064-2068](#)

### 439. Why does the Decalogue constitute an organic unity?

The Ten Commandments form an organic and indivisible whole because each commandment refers to the other commandments and to the entire Decalogue. To break one commandment, therefore, is to violate the entire law.

*Further reading:* CCC [2069](#), [2079](#)

### 440. Why does the Decalogue enjoin serious obligations?

It does so because the Decalogue expresses the fundamental duties of man towards God and towards his neighbor.

*Further reading:* CCC [2072-2073](#), [2081](#)

### 441. Is it possible to keep the Decalogue?

Yes, because Christ without whom we can do nothing enables us to keep it with the gift of his Spirit and his grace.

*Further reading:* CCC [2074](#), [2082](#)

## 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).

### **MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

Come and join with others from our Parish Family to remember and celebrate our loved ones who have gone before us in faith during the past year.

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on **Friday, November 3, 2017 at 7:00 PM**. We invite you to bring a framed picture of your loved one to the parish office by October 29, 2017.

These pictures will be placed by the altar during the Mass. Please put your name on the back of the picture. The picture will be returned to you following the Mass.

## 3rd Annual "Tea Talks"

The school season is in full swing, and plans are underway for the 3rd annual "Tea Talks" sponsored by the Parish Life Committee

**WHEN: Sunday, November 5th**

**WHERE: Fr. Quinn Hall**

**TIME: 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. (after the 11:00 a.m. Mass)**

**WHO: Junior/senior high-aged girls and their moms**

**COST: \$8 Per Person**

Tickets go on sale after all masses starting October 14-15, 2017. Enjoy lunch and tea with each other and fellowship with your peers while you listen to talks from two young adult speakers on such topics as:

- ◆ ·Peer pressure /making time for our faith
- ◆ ·Practicing faith and morals in a non-faith-based setting
- ◆ ·Relationships

Come join us for some good food and presentations--so important in those teen years!

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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS!**

#### **Thank you!**

To all of our wonderful bakers who came out to SFA on Friday, September 30th. Our record last year was 30 ponds and I am happy to say we beat that records with 40 pounds this year! A special thank you goes out to Susan Stroud, Mary Fabian, Gina DiSantis, Christie Edling and Jess Gumbert for helping work the ovens!

#### **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!

#### **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.

#### **Teen Council:**

Heather is still looking for teens in 11th and 12th grade who would like to be a part of the NEW Teen Council. Please sign up by October 14th. Email Heather a short cover letter explaining why you would make a great addition to the team and a resume.

For more information contact Heather Shainline at: [youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org)

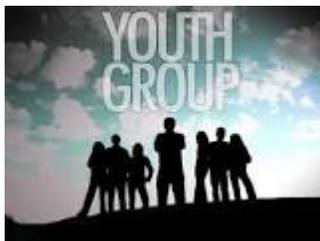
## Youth Adults (Ages 18-34)

**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 Young 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. Columbkill.

So, contact Heather at: [youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org) if interested!



## Teen Blog

### **Are You There God?: 5 Ways to Prove God Exists**

by [JOSHUA MADDEN](#)

I've heard it. You've heard it. We've all heard it. 'You can't prove God exists!'

It seems like more and more people these days only believe in what they can see, touch, hear, taste, and smell. It's all about what our senses can experience and what we can wrap our brains around.

Pope Benedict XVI declared a Year of Faith for us all to get back to the basics and proclaim that there is more to life than only what we can see! Every Sunday we proclaim, 'I believe in God the Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth, of all things visible and invisible.' At every Sunday Mass we reaffirm our belief that God has created all things and that the visible world is not all that there is.

Right about now, it would be a really good idea to take a good hard look at where Faith and Reason cross paths. You see, as Catholics, we know that there is nothing that science can discover that will contradict our faith; our God is the Creator of the whole universe and He is the author of truth. So anything that is true, anything that we can find out about our world, just leads us to know our God more and more.

One of the most wonderful aspects of our Catholic faith is that we have 2,000 years of reflection and teaching on all areas of our faith. One of the most famous teachers we have at our disposal is St. Thomas Aquinas, who just might be one of the most intelligent the Bible or the Catechism or anything that people who aren't believers wouldn't consider real evidence. So, let's dive in!

#### **1. Motion**

Everyone can see that motion exists in the world; your eyes are moving across these words right now. Everything that moves is caused to move by something or someone else, your living room furniture isn't just going to rearrange itself (let's hope!). If everything that moves has to be moved by something outside of itself, there has to be a 'first mover' that caused motion to exist for the very first time, or else we just have to keep going back in time to infinity, which is impossible! This first mover is what we call God.

(continued next week)

Source: Life Teen Blog by Joshua Madden

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



### *St. Francis Academy*

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

**Oct. 9** – NO SCHOOL Diocese of Allentown Teachers Ed. Convention.

**Oct. 11** – School Picture Day.

**Oct. 13** - First Trimester Progress reports issued  
*Our Lady of Fatima Celebration* Our plans include our whole school watching the story of The Miracle of the Sun. Every student will then make a sun that we will display in school to commemorate the anniversary.  
We will conclude with our Liturgy at 10:45.

**Thank you** Home & School for the well run First Annual St. Francis Academy Golf Outing!  
The scholarship money generated will help many students with tuition in the future. All are looking forward to the 2nd Annual Outing Next Year!!

**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.

**St. Francis Academy** will be celebrating 275 years of Catholic education during the 2017-2018 school year. Stay tuned for details of our events.

### **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 REMINDER!***

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](mailto: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***

After a Mass on Sunday morning, little Johnnie suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a priest when I grow up."

"That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?"

"Well," said her son, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up, yell a little and collect some money, than to just sit and listen."

## Father Marty's Corner

The universal Catholic Church celebrates today the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. Here in the Diocese of Allentown, we are celebrating our Diocesan feast of Mary, Mother of the Church.

Bishop McShea in 1965 requested permission from the Holy See and Pope Paul VI for this special designation for our diocese. It was always celebrated on 11 October. However, that day is now the feast of Saint John XXIII on the Church's universal calendar. Therefore, Bishop Schlert has transferred the celebration to the second Sunday in October perpetually.

So Mary will get some extra attention during that month that is regarded as the month of the Holy Rosary. The term of Mary, Mother of the Church was first used by Saint Ambrose in the fourth century. This title was officially given to Mary during the Second Vatican Council. Mary is present in the Church as the Mother of Christ and at the same time as that Mother whom Christ, in the mystery of Redemption, gave to humanity in the person of the Apostle John. We can find great comfort that as members of the Church we have the honor and privilege of looking to Mary as our Mother.

*Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!*



## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time— Matt 21: 28-32

*Jesus* said to the chief priests and the elders of the people:  
"Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard,  
put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower.  
Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey.

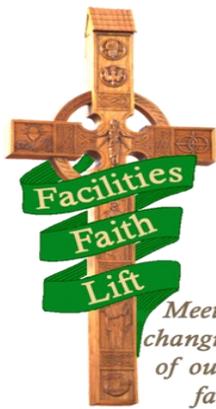
When vintage time drew near,  
he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce.  
But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned.  
Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones,  
but they treated them in the same way.

Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking,  
'They will respect my son.'  
But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another,  
'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.'  
They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?"  
They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death  
and lease his vineyard to other tenants  
who will give him the produce at the proper times."

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:  
*The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
by the Lord has this been done,  
and it is wonderful in our eyes?*  
Therefore, I say to you,  
the kingdom of God will be taken away from you  
and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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!**



Fiscal Year July 2017 —June 2018

Weekend of SEP 30 & Oct 1—2017

Wkly. offering necessary for Budget.....	\$13,800.00
Actual Weekly Offering .....	\$12,848.94
Net Weekly Shortage.....	<b>-\$951.06</b>
YTD Budget Offering.....	\$193,200.00
YTD Actual Offering Income.....	\$175,382.02
YTD Shortage.....	<b>-\$17,817.98</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!!

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!

## Parish News and Information

### OUR SENIOR GROUP

**NEXT SENIOR GROUP  
MONTHLY  
MEETING :**  
**October 12 at 1 p.m.**  
**In Quinn Hall**



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.

Thanks to all who participated in the  
Senior Group Picnic

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

### Volunteer Opportunity in Gilbertsville

The Clothing Rack at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Gilbertsville is looking for a few volunteers to help during current operating hours with hopes to expand the ministry. The Clothing Rack is open every Wednesday, 1-4 pm and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 6-8 pm. The first Wednesday is for drop off only, not open for shopping, the other days are open for shopping. Sorting and getting clothes organized happens on the other Wednesdays. New volunteers could work with the current volunteers and then be put on the schedule after they feel comfortable. At least two people are scheduled at each time. This could be worked into anyone's schedule, once a week, once a month, once a quarter, etc. It is a great ministry that just needs a few people to maintain and hopefully grow! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Kim Slonaker at [kaslonaker@comcast.net](mailto:kaslonaker@comcast.net) or leave your name in the parish office for her.

**Morning with the Saints**, will be offered by Fr. Kevin Bobbin on Saturday, **October 28 at Most Blessed Sacrament, Bally.** We will begin with Mass at 9:00am. The program will continue until noon. Join us for a morning of prayer, talks, and fellowship to prepare for All Saints Day. No registration is necessary and there is no cost. Any questions please contact Nicole Dyer at 610-861-0925 or [ndyer14@gmail.com](mailto:ndyer14@gmail.com).  
**ALL ARE WELCOME** from St. Columbkil Parish!

### Did you know?

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux born Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin (2 January 1873 – 30 September 1897), also known as Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, O.C.D., was a French Catholic Discalced Carmelite nun who is widely venerated in modern times. She is popularly known as "The Little Flower of Jesus" or simply "The Little Flower".

Thérèse has been a highly influential model of sanctity for Catholics and for others because of the "simplicity and practicality of her approach to the spiritual life". Together with Saint Francis of Assisi, she is one of the most popular saints in the history of the church. Pope Saint Pius X called her "the greatest saint of modern times"

**Question: True or False: The Liturgical Year of the Church begins with the Christmas Season and the Birth of Our Lord.**

**Last week's Answer:** What is the longest Liturgical Season & how long is it? What is the shortest...and how long is it?  
The longest Liturgical Season is Ordinary Time that lasts 34 weeks! The Shortest is the Paschal Triduum that lasts 3 days!

***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*** All meetings have been cancelled until further notice..

***Boscov'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. 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 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! Sign up at website: [40daysforlife.com/Reading](http://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](mailto:kkpcserv@comcast.net); [carolyn233@verizon.net](mailto:carolyn233@verizon.net) or [ragehri@dejazzed.com](mailto: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! 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](mailto:adoncsecz@allentowndiocese.org).

### ***A HUGE THANK YOU!!!***

Thank you very much to everyone who donated items for military families! 1,040 pounds of these much needed items were delivered to the Keystone Military Pantry in Shoemakersville on September 30th. The pantry was very happy to receive these items since they had little or none of the many items donated by you.



## ***Staff Directory***

**Pastor** - Father Martin F. Kern

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## ***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 Quinn 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.