



# ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our hearts,  
that we may know what is the hope that  
belongs to our call.*

### Saint Columbkille Office

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**Pastor:** Reverend Richard Clement

#### **Deacons:**

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### Parish Staff

**Pastoral Associate:** Sister Jean Wickenheiser, OSF  
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**Director of Pre-School:** Caitlin Nickel,  
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### Sunday Mass

Saturday evening: 5:00p.m.  
(Live and live streamed)  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00a.m.

### Daily Mass

Monday Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

### Holydays

Vigil Mass the day before the Holyday. 7:00 p.m.  
Masses on the Holyday of Obligation:  
6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### Parish Religious Education

#### **Director of Religious Education**

Denise Stull

denises@stcolumbkille.org

#### **Coordinators of Religious Education**

Patricia & Joseph Petruskas  
dcjoe2015@stcolumbkille.org

### **Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**

Wendy S. Krisak, MA, NCC, LPC  
Direct Line: 800-791-9209

### **Safe Environment Coordinator**

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS  
610-871-5200, Ext. 2204

## Information

### Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held daily in the chapel.  
(See times on page 4)

### Reconciliation (Confession)

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:00-4:45pm or any time by contacting the Parish Office.

### Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for anointing and Communion for the sick and dying.

### Baptism of Children

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the first Sunday of each month at 12:15p.m. Baptism Prep Classes for parents and godparents are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 12:15 pm in the EHST Room.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made at least six months before the wedding date. All couples must participate in the Marriage Prep Program.

### Visits to Sick and Homebound

Please contact Sister Jean Wickenheiser, OSF at the Parish office to arrange a visit.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA prepares adolescents and adults for Baptism and full communion in the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Margaret Chovanes at 610-248-2171.

### Religious Education (PREP)

Religious instruction for elementary school students takes place on Weds & Thu -Sept through May. Please contact Connie Boyer for more information.

**New Parishioners :** New parishioners are most welcome, and are encouraged to register online at [www.stcolumbkille.org](http://www.stcolumbkille.org) or call the Parish Office.



## Mass Intentions

**MON. JULY 12: FIFTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 AM Charlotte Levitsky by Jim & Sharon Palmerchuck

**TUES. JULY 13: FIFTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:00 PM Mary L. DeCozio by Fr. Martin Kern

**WEDS. JULY 14: ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA**

9:00 AM Rose Insetta on the 1st anniversary of her death,  
by Dave & Dayle Szymanski

**THURS. JULY 15: ST. BONAVENTURE**

7:00 PM Living & Deceased members of St. Columbkil

**FRI. JULY 16: OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**

9:00 AM Camillo Volpi from his family

**SAT JULY 17: VIGIL, SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM Robert Parente by John & Mimi Parente

**SUN. JULY 18: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM Mary Fuga by MaryAnn & Tom Blocher

9:00 AM John M. Fritz by the Stoudt Family

11:00 AM Louis & Bunny Conte by Jean Burrell & Family

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1

**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27; Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday:** Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-12, 13-15; Mt 12:14-21

**Sunday:** Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

## Celebrant Schedule

**July 17/18 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday** 5:00 PM Fr. Rich Clement

**Sunday** 7:30 AM Fr. Rich Clement

9:00 AM Fr. Rich Clement

11:00 AM Fr. Rich Clement



## Sanctuary Memorials



The Sanctuary Candle will burn

**In Loving Memory of  
Jim Trombetta by the Creeveys**

The Bread & Wine are offered

**In Loving Memory of Mary Dudek  
by Rita Kennedy**



## Church Memorials 2021

**Sanctuary candle:** A sanctuary candle burns in our church to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. If you wish to have the sanctuary candle in the church burn for a full week in memory of a loved one, please contact the parish office. Suggested offering: \$10.

**Bread and Wine:** In the early Church it was customary for the People of God to provide the bread and wine to be used at the Celebration of the Eucharist. If you wish to participate in the ancient tradition of providing the bread and wine for the Celebration of the Eucharist in the church as a memorial for your Family or your deceased loved ones. The Suggested offering: \$25.

**Altar Flowers:** It is an ancient custom to decorate the altar with flowers as a symbol of our praise to God and thanks for all blessings we've been given. Altar flowers may be donated in honor of memory of your loved ones living and deceased. Suggested offering: \$50

## Extended Adoration of the Blessed

**Hours of Adoration in our Holy Family Chapel**

**Tuesdays** 10:00 a.m. to Midnight

**Wednesdays** Midnight to Midnight

**Thursdays** Midnight to Midnight

**Fridays** Midnight to 6:00 p.m.



Calendar

Monday July 12	Tuesday July 13	Wednesday July 14	Thursday July 15	Friday July 16	Saturday July 17	Sunday July 18
9 am MASS 9:30am Flame of Love 12pm-OA Meeting 5:30pm AA Meeting 7pm Rosary Group	7 pm Mass  7pm Men's Prayer Group 7pm K of C meeting	9 am Mass  7:15pm Prayer Meeting	9:30 am Bible Study 9am Senior Grp TBD 6:30pm RCIA Classes 7 pm Mass	9 am Mass	9am Patriotic Rosary 9am Rosary for Vocations 9am Children's Rosary (zoom) 4 pm-Confession 5 pm - Vigil Mass and Live stream	7:30 am - Mass 9 am- Mass 11 am - Mass 10:15am Sunday Rosary

**Reflection by Leonard N. Peterson:**

[...What God wants you and me to realize is that we have our mission, our calling. It is mysterious, yes. It can also be irksome. But it is a good above all others. Here are the great Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman's thoughts on this matter that I have found helpful for so many years.

"God has created me to do Him some definite service: He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it—if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him. In perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. In sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends; he may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink; hide my future from me. —still He knows what He is about." God love you and give you His peace. ]



**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR EVENTS**

**Photo Directory Sign-ups**

Online sign-ups for remaining available times

**Sittings:** August 5- 7 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

August 12-14 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

August 19-21 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. (if needed)

**Parish Picnic** Sunday, September 19, 2021, 2 – 6:p.m.

Parish Grounds behind the rectory

WOW Food Truck - items available for purchase

(Menu coming soon!)

Sweet Ride Ice Cream truck - free ice cream provided by the parish

Rader's Beverage truck - beer and birch beer provided by the parish

Water, lemonade, and iced tea provided by the parish D.J.

**Anniversary Year Culmination Mass** - May 1, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. celebrated by Bishop Alfred Schlert

**Dinner Dance** - Sunnybrook Ballroom, Pottstown May 1, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.

**Church groups and organizations**

**One to be highlighted each month during the anniversary year**

Knights of Columbus ❖ Senior Group, Music Ministry ❖

Ecumenical (Boyertown Area Ministerial Association) ❖ CCD/

RCIA ❖ LAOH ❖ Youth Group ❖ Prayer Group

**ANSWERED PRAYERS: JAN. – JUNE 2021**

**WE PRAISE & THANK THE LORD** for the following answered prayers through the intercession of St. Columbkil Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting , the Mass Book of Intercessions and the E-Mail Prayer Chain.



- Surgery to remove blood clots in legs successful, walking pain free.
- Kidney removed, cancer did not go to other areas, no chemo or radiation needed, doing well.
- Daughter-in-law had double pneumonia, now healed, breathing well.
- Friend found unconscious on floor and taken to hospital has recovered and now doing well after doing rehab.
- Brother doing well after having stents in heart replaced with veins from his legs.
- Husband's prostate surgery successful, back to work doing well.
- Woman's brain tumor on pituitary gland removed thru the nose, was not malignant, home well.
- Baby thought to be born breach turned around before delivery, born perfectly normal in good health.
- Family of four all recovered from Covid including the pregnant mother who then gave birth to a healthy baby.

Call the Office to be added to the **Parish E-mail Prayer Chain**. You can also write your prayer petitions in the **Book of Intercession** on the table in the Narthex. All requests are strictly **confidential**. They are included in the **Prayer of The Faithful** at all Masses and interceded for at the **Wednesday 7:15 PM Prayer Meetings** where all are welcome to come and join us! Please let parish office know when your prayers are answered so together we can praise and thank the Lord! Thank you! Contact: Sue Techman email: [ptl2sue@dejazzd.com](mailto:ptl2sue@dejazzd.com)

## Stewardship



## Facilities Faith Lift II Capital Campaign News

We wish to thank our parishioners for their consistent pledge payments to the Facilities Faith Lift II Campaign.

**As you can see, we are well underway with our FFLII Renovation.**

Changes are being made to the exterior of the Narthex entrance, sidewalk area, and surrounding landscaping. Estimated completion date is mid July.

Our Pennies to Bricks campaign is a great way for our children to be involved. You are always most welcome to come into the Narthex to deposit your coins into the container.

*To date, the FFL II Pennies to Bricks program has brought in \$6,947.13 worth of pennies!*

**The grand total for both FFL I and FFL II Pennies collected so far is \$19,631.97!**

Questions concerning your pledge can be directed to Gayle Fontaine, Campaign Coordinator at the parish office at 610-367-2371.

### Have you considered a Year-End Charitable Contribution?

If you itemize your deductions, making charitable contributions to your parish can decrease your tax bill. **Donating a long-term appreciated asset** such as a bond or stocks generally means that you do not have to pay capital gains, and you can take an income tax deduction for the full fair-market value.

Saint Columbkil currently has an account with TD Ameritrade, where parishioners can seamlessly transfer assets over from their own accounts.

For those not itemizing, another smart year-end strategy is the **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)**. A QCD is generally a nontaxable distribution made directly by the trustee of your IRA to an organization eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. You must be at least age 70 ½ when the distribution is made. The maximum annual exclusion for QCDs is \$100,000 per individual.

These gifts to Saint Columbkil Church provide a lasting benefit to help our parish continue to serve those in need, and assure that necessary parish expenses can be met. For more information on these two valuable tax benefits, please consult your tax advisor or IRA Trustee. Our Parish Financial Officer Gayle Fontaine is also available to answer any general questions concerning this method of donation.

Thank you in advance for your stewardship.

## St Francis Early Learning

Contact Mrs. Carolyn Graczyk at the MBS rectory office 610-845-2460 or [cgraczyk@msbally.org](mailto:cgraczyk@msbally.org) for information to register students for Kindergarten.



### FY 20-21 Fiscal Year - Income/Expense Report

July 2020- through June 2021

Total Operating Income	\$1,055,610.00
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Total Operating Expenses	\$727,000.00
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Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	\$328,610.00
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### MONTHLY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year July 2020 to June 2021

Month: June 2021

Last June 2020 (5 weeks)	This June 2021 (5 weeks)
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\$60,771.75	\$60,712.50
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Includes Online: \$20,382.75	Includes Online: \$25,213.75
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The total collected for Peter's Pence was

\$1,824.00

Thank you for your generosity!

# St. Columbkil Parish Photo Directory

To commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Columbkil Parish, we will be publishing a parish photo directory. We have engaged Color craft, a company with over 39 years of experience in directory photography.

While we invite and encourage every family and individual to participate, we assure you there is NO OBLIGATION to purchase any photos. For your participation in the directory, you will receive a FREE 8x10 family portrait as well as a FREE directory.

**The online link to sign up for your photo for the parish directory is now active! You will receive a FREE 8 X 10 and FREE directory by having your photo taken. For your convenience, we have added an additional day – Saturday, August 21.**

**<https://booknow.appointment-plus.com/d4p4sgh0/>**

**Please contact Charlene Wysocki at 610-310-0872**

**[char.wysocki@comcast.net](mailto:char.wysocki@comcast.net)**





## Parish News

**Overeaters Anonymous (OA)** is a fellowship of individuals who through shared experience, strength and hope are recovering from compulsive overeating by working our Twelve Steps. The only requirement is a desire to stop eating compulsively. Come to the Ehst room any Monday at 12 noon to 1:00pm to inquire

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING**

Come strengthen your faith on Wed. evenings 7:15 PM. We are open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, scripture, music, joyfully praising the Lord. Scripture based teachings are given each week to help us live our Catholic faith. Let us intercede for your needs. For more info call Sue T. 610-367-4711 or email Don @ dondenick@comcast.net. **Meeting:** Wednesdays at 7:15pm

The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to create *their beautiful prayer shawls*. Please be assured that they are made with the utmost care and prayer, and are ready to be presented for those in need. To request a shawl please call Judy at 610-367-0945 or contact the Church office. Thank you.

**PreSchool Caitlin Nickel, Dir.**

**Pre-School Registration is now open for the 2021-2022 school year.** This school year marks the 38th year that St. Columbkille Preschool has offered quality education to children in Boyertown, PA & surrounding area. Our program provides learning experiences that are age and developmentally appropriate. Traditionally classes run from Labor Day week until the end of May. The preschool curriculum encompasses the social, emotional, physical and spiritual development of each child, while following the Pennsylvania Early Learning Standards. Our program also includes monthly physical education classes led by YMCA instructors. Visit our Preschool web page for more information at: <https://stcolumbkille.org/preschool>. You can also register your child (children) online. **The \$35 per child, non-refundable registration fee has been waived.** For more information contact our Director, Caitlin Nickel at: [preschool@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:preschool@stcolumbkille.org) or call the parish office and leave her a message.

PreK 3: Mon & Weds: 9:00 am - 11:30 am **CLASS FILLED**  
or Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 am - 11:30 am

The St. Columbkille Preschool 4 year old, 3 day a week program is closed for the 2021-2022 school year. The 3 year old, two day a week program will run as normal and we are currently accepting registrations. We apologize for any inconvenience. Please contact Caitlin Nickel with any questions at [preschool@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:preschool@stcolumbkille.org).



St. Columbkille Pre-K is now participating in the **Amazon Smile** Program! Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible **AmazonSmile** purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. **AmazonSmile** is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service. Please support St. Columbkille Pre-K by shopping **AmazonSmile** and by choosing **St. Columbkille Church** as your charitable organization.

**Youth Group (7th-12th Gr)  
Heather Shainline**

**Holy Week Mission Apparel:** We still have some t-shirts, sweatshirts, masks and wristbands left for those who did not have a chance to purchase our awesome Holy Week Apparel! Wristbands are \$1, masks are \$5, t-shirts are \$10 and hoodies are \$20. Please contact Heather Shainline at [youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org) if interested in checking out what we have left! Thank you to all who purchased during Holy Week! It looks amazing to see so many of you in our "Essential." gear!



**Continued Service Project:** The Youth Group wants to continue making Laundry Kits as a year long service project! We are in need of **quarters**. Feel free to drop them off in the office, give to Heather or give to a Youth Group member. Monetary donations are welcome, too!

**Coming up....**TBD- Steubenville weekend at home

**Religious Education-PREP  
Denise Stull, Director**

Registration for the 2021-22 Parish Religion Education Program is now open. We are planning for in-person sessions again! The parish catechists are ready to share the Gospel message and Catholic heritage with your children. All children attending public school in grades 1-8 are expected to attend. Please go to our parish website—[www.stcolumbkille.org](http://www.stcolumbkille.org)—and click on the PREP tab. Here you will find the registration form and calendar. Any questions may be directed to Denise Stull at [denises@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:denises@stcolumbkille.org) or 610-367-2371. Please register soon to ensure the day and time you want. **Thank you** to all parents and guardians who provided religious instruction to their children this past year.

**LAOH (Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians)**

- Please join the LAOH by sharing your blessings, prayers, etc. on our "Blessing Trees" located in the Narthex. Learn more about this Irish tradition by taking a ribbon, writing your blessing/prayer on it, hanging it on one of the branches and checking out our display! Slàinte!
- Our next meeting will be in September! Remember to let Kathy know if you would like to come to the Convention in July.
- Want to know more about LAOH and who we are? Please contact Kathy Varady at [kvarady2@gmail.com](mailto:kvarady2@gmail.com) to learn more!



## Knights Corner

### So, where are the Breakfast Sandwiches?

Many parishioners have been asking: "Where are the K of C Breakfast Sandwiches?" Well, rest assured, they will be back however with the construction under way, the air conditioning in Fr. Quinn Hall is undergoing modifications. As soon as that is complete we will be offering them again. Thanks for your patience and continued support!



### 100th Anniversary of St. Columbkille Parish

The Knights of Columbus council # 16544 consider it a great honor to be part of the Parish family in this momentous occasion of the 100th Anniversary of St. Columbkille Church! Let us all share in the celebration commemorating the founding of our great parish in 1921!

We always welcome new Knights to join us. If you would like to learn more about or sign-up with our Knights of Columbus Council #16544, just talk to any St. Columbkille Knight or visit our website:

<https://kofc16544.org>

### ATTENTION ALL ST COLUMBKILL USHERS!

As a tribute to all St. Columbkille Ushers, whether weekly or fill-in, it would great to have us all appear in a group photo to be featured in the upcoming St. Columbkille Directory. In planning for a photo with hopefully all ushers in it...I was hoping that Sunday, July 18th @ 12:15 in front of the Altar would be convenient for everyone.

Please contact me this week to let me know whether that time will work for you. Hope to see you all there! Thank You, Joe Richardson  
484-363-7203  
Jrx2@windstream.net



Outdoor Movie Night! Come find out more about American Heritage Girls. We are all about FAITH, SERVICE and FUN! Welcoming all girls from kindergarten through 12th grade.

Where: St Catharine of Siena Church  
When: July 19th, 7:00 PM

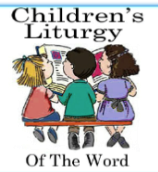
For more information contact Julie Wright at [ahgtroop-pa1111@gmail.com](mailto:ahgtroop-pa1111@gmail.com) or 610-507-2774

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Children's Liturgy will be held in person at the **9:00 am Mass this weekend**

Volunteers needed for subsequent weeks.

Contact: [BASSCL412@gmail.com](mailto:BASSCL412@gmail.com)  
or call Marcia Martin at 610-223-2484



## Music Corner

**Children's Choir** If you have a child who would like to join the Children's Choir, please contact Carolyn Quinn at [carolynsings4@gmail.com](mailto:carolynsings4@gmail.com) Practices are Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:00. The children's choir sings once a month at the Children's Mass. **TO BE ANNOUNCED**

**IGNITE:** The youth of our church have been singing/praising at Mass once a month during the school year for the past 3 years. Ignite was started by a student and her friends. We are inviting anyone who enjoys more contemporary music to join this year! Masses are once a month on Saturday night at 5:00. (To be announced) Along with one rehearsal per month on the Sunday before the Mass. Let's keep this going!! Please Contact Carolyn Quinn at [carolynsings4@gmail.com](mailto:carolynsings4@gmail.com)



### EMMANUEL MUSIC MINISTRY:

#### SINGERS & INSTRUMENTALISTS...

If you would like to join us lifting your voice or offering your gift of music in celebration of the liturgy, WE NEED YOU! Emmanuel is looking forward to "striking up the band/ensemble" at the end of summer. Please feel free to contact Kathy Herber at 610-741-4546

([k\\_piano99@yahoo.com](mailto:k_piano99@yahoo.com)) OR Phyllis Rieger at 484-509-6257 [phyrieger@gmail.com](mailto:phyrieger@gmail.com).

Thank you.



**Adult Choir** - Yes, there is an adult choir that sings many Sundays at the 9am Mass! We concentrate on Advent, Christmas and Lent seasons, as well as Easter, Mother's Day and Pentecost, and a few other Sundays for good measure. No audition, no need to read music! We practice many Sundays after the 9am Mass. Once and done for the week! Come check us out in the Ehst room (downstairs)! Contact Deb Maskrey at [debm@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:debm@stcolumbkille.org) for a schedule or with any questions. **To Be Announced**

**Cantors/Leaders of Song** - our ranks have dwindled with the graduation of many of our youth cantors, and we need to increase the number of cantors for scheduling. Support is available by means of practice sessions with the organist/accompanist. This is a great opportunity for youth grades 7 and up to serve the parish community. It is also a great opportunity for parents to set the example for children by serving as a leader of song. Contact Deb Maskrey at [debm@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:debm@stcolumbkille.org) with questions or for more information, or chat with one of our current cantors!

**Put your piano lessons to good use!** The children's choir and the adult choir of the parish could use an accompanist. Contact Carolyn Quinn for children's choir information and Deb Maskrey for the adult choir.

## Time to Register online!

Rocky Railway is coming to  
St. Columbkille Parish  
July 26-30, 2021



Jesus we trust in You to pull us through!!

Vacation Bible School is held in the summer for one week for children in Pre-K through 5th grade.

An invitation to all men...

husband's, father's, religious, single!

If you are like me, struggling every day to live the life of a Christian man that God calls us to be, being in communion with other like-minded men, is a necessity. Jesus called 12 men together as Apostles to lead the Church founded by Christ. He calls you and I to do the same! The Church needs us more now than ever before.

I invite you to join me and a group of men on the first Tuesday of every month, from 6 P.M. to 7 P.M. in Iona Hall (basement level of St. Columbkille church behind the EHST Room) to pray a rosary, reflect on the things that are on our mind, as men, and most importantly, to grow closer to God. No RSVP necessary... all you need to do is show up with an open heart... God will do the rest!

**Peace! Deacon Joe Petruskas**

### Attention ALL Volunteers:

Just a reminder that all volunteers need to complete the Safe Environment paperwork. Please contact Liza Mendez at [lizam@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:lizam@stcolumbkille.org) if you need a packet or if you have any questions. I am in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays during the Summer from 9:30am-4pm. Thank you for your willingness to share your time and talent with our parish family.

~ Liza Mendez



## Are you HOMEBOUND-or-would just WELCOME a friendly "HELLO"?

"If you are HOMEBOUND or just LONELY - "A SPECIAL CONNECTION" is within your reach! NEVER FEEL ALONE! YOU can begin receiving regular phone calls or written notes from a member of our ministry. **Contact Ginny Sherry at 484-802-3916** to sign up for "A SPECIAL CONNECTION"!

We will welcome the chance to brighten your days!! Feel free to share this with anyone who would benefit from this ministry.



A Special Thank You to the youth group & the two adults who came to my house & painted the basement door. They did a great job and it was very much appreciated.

Thank you Again.  
~ Esther (Sheafer) Witzel

**Parishioners - please note a date change!** The Catholic Woman's Club of Berks County is celebrating their 100th anniversary on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH at the Double-Tree of Reading with a luncheon and program. It begins at 1:00 and ends at 4:00. For more information, please contact Marcia at 484-7940680 or email to [mwertrn@ptd.net](mailto:mwertrn@ptd.net)

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Come and be a part of something special! Berks Catholic High School is seeking enthusiastic teachers to join our BC family in the following academic areas:

- Full-Time English – Grades 9-12
- Full-Time Science – Grades 9-12
- Full-Time Spanish – Grades 9-12

Teachers looking to apply should have the appropriate certifications and background checks. Please see our website for more information:

<https://www.berkscatholic.org/employment>

Please email a copy of your resume, clearances and references to Head of School, Mr. William Hess



National Council of the United States  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

End Poverty Through Systemic Change

(Poor box located in the Narthex ~ helping those in need in our local community)

Find out more about us:

<http://www.svdpusa.org/Assistance-Services>





**Flame of Love Prayer Cenacle at St. Columbkille** on Monday morning following the 9 am Mass. Please join us in the EHST room (located in the basement) at 9:30 am. The prayer centers around saving all souls in the world for Jesus and His earthly mission. The Blessed Mother helps us to intercede with Jesus in the redemption of all peoples, even the most hardened sinners. Please join us for this very important Mission of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. For more information contact Michelle White: [mwhitehfn@gmail.com](mailto:mwhitehfn@gmail.com).

### Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child

July 11 - Week 25 – I now get startled at the sound of loud noise, but I am soothed at the sound of my mother's voice. I guess that means that my ears are now working! I can also respond to touch. Yeah for my senses! Please keep my family and me in your prayers this week. ***"Jesus, Mary and Joseph. I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."***



## **RETROUVAILLE** A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

### *Rediscover the Love in Your marriage!*

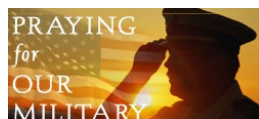
Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille. If you know anyone who could benefit from this program please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills & to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. For information contact the Family Life Center of Malvern. [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215.766.3944 or 800.470.2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### *Please Pray for the following Intentions: For Our Family Members in the Military*

*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.*

Jason Almond, USN E-3AOAN  
Seaman Recruit Steve Hoffa  
SPC Jeremy Larson  
Jonathan Taylor  
Staff Sgt. Robert Preston  
USN Petty Officer  
Joseph Scarberry, Jr.  
Lance Corporal David Vogler  
Sergeant Brian Weber  
Sergeant Jason Emerich  
Sergeant David O'Brien  
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  
Staff Sergeant Joshua Taylor  
USMC  
Airman First Class:  
Colin S. Kirschner (E3)

USN MA Second Class Petty Officer (SW)  
Matthew R. Goldschmidt  
Senior Airman Corey Kelch  
Captain Zachary Bregovi  
Lance Corporal  
Andrew J. Carpenter  
E-5 Sergeant Ray Fazio  
E-4 Specialist Haley Fazio  
E-6 Staff Sergeant Billy Beuch  
SFC Ommannan Gonzalez  
LTJG Daniel Patti, USN  
CPT Joseph Patti, USA  
Staff Sgt Anthony DeVito  
Sgt Amy Exum  
Sgt. Mark Bergstresser  
Sgt. Billy Beuch USA  
Matthew Psota  
USN Petty Officer 3  
Pvt. Kellie O'Brien  
Andrew Fronheiser,  
Lt. Air Force



Our Lady still calls us to prayer and right now the world needs our prayer more than ever!! Sue Fryer and Megan Repko are leading a Medjugorje prayer group.

The purpose of this group will be to learn more about Our Lady of Medjugorje and her messages and pray for her intentions as well as the healing of our church, our nation and the world.

In order to learn more about Our Blessed Mother and the messages she has been giving us for almost 40 years we will be reading Medjugorje: The Last Apparition by Wayne Weible.

We meet Saturdays at 3 pm (the Hour of Mercy) in the Ehst room. Please email me ([meganrepko@gmail.com](mailto:meganrepko@gmail.com)) or Sue Fryer ([sspence4@comcast.net](mailto:sspence4@comcast.net)) if you are interested so that we know to expect you!



### **Prayer to St. Joseph**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.  
Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



### **LIFTING OUR FAMILIES IN PRAYER**

Family brings us great joy and happiness. They can also be a source of worry and concern..."Is my child dating/marrying the right person?" "Are my elderly parents safe at home?" "Will my son, daughter or grandchildren return to the faith?" "Will my spouse find work?" At some point in our lives, all of us will face these, or similar, questions. Often, we have little control over how others live their lives and what will become of them. One thing we can do, regardless of their age, is pray, so if you or a family member needs prayer, who better to turn to than our Lord and his Blessed Mother? As St. Paul instructed the early Christians, "Worry about nothing and pray about everything."

We invite you to join us on the **4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm** as we dedicate an hour of our time to lift our families, ourselves and one another in prayer via the rosary. (Jul 28) Please contact Kevin Martin at (610) 689-4244 or Kim Frattone at (484) 300-1808 with questions or for more details.

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for 6 important Diocesan ministries in our area. You can make your gift online at **FaithHopeCharity-Gives.org**.

**Widow and Widowers Grief Support :** Summer is here, ready or not. Some will find this summer particularly stressful. Come join us to reduce that stress in many ways. Those who have lost a loved one know how important this can be. At times like these the support of those who understand should not be underestimated. 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.

**R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** If you or someone you know would like more information about the Catholic faith or if you are a baptized Catholic but have not received your first Communion or Confirmation RCIA is tailored for you! Contact Margaret Chovanes at margaretc@stcolumbkill.org or 610-248-2172 to inquire.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION ~ A JOURNEY:** We are all on a journey and life is about going on the journey, not the getting there. It is in the seeking, questioning, and dreaming in our inner knowledge that we will find the Divine and find what is holy. This is how we will discover a way, a truth, and a light. A proven way to continue this journey is through spiritual direction. If interested in exploring this process please call Kevin Martin, O.F.S., M.S. at: 610-310-7077 or Peg Choinski at 610-850-1869 or email Peg at pchoinskisd@yahoo.com. All inquiries are confidential.

**OUR SENIOR GROUP**  
**NEXT SENIOR GROUP MONTHLY MEETING :** **To Be Announced**  
**Contact: Donald Gilbert: 610-369-5950**



## Divine Mercy Invitation

Anyone interested in joining our Divine Mercy Ministry, please contact Paula Rhoads at 484-942-7670 or Diane Hospador at dvinemercy56@gmail.com. We pray daily for the sick and dying in our community and also have volunteer opportunities at the St. Francis Home, a Catholic Hospice in Shillington. To tour the hospice, consider volunteering, or just want more information please call us. We would love to have you be part of our team.

*Everyone is invited to pray the rosary every Saturday, at 9:00 am! \*\*New time\*\* From the Zoom app enter the Meeting ID: 488 598 630 and password: Rosary from the Zoom app. All are welcome to Join us!! If you have questions please contact Megan at (610) 310-5661 or meganrepko@stcolumbkill.org.*

*"And to me, my children, give the gift of the rosary, the roses which I love so much." ~ Our Lady of Medjugorje,*



## EWTN Live



Father Mitch Pacwa, SJ, Host of EWTN Live Mr. John DeJaki, co-editor of *With God in America*

**8:00PM EST**  
**Wednesday, July 14, 2021**

Live Broadcast of EWTN Live featuring host, Father Mitch Pacwa, SJ and guest, Mr. John DeJaki, co-editor of *With God in America*, discussing life, works, and message of Father Cizek

Watch the program LIVE on television or on the EWTN website (<https://www.ewtn.com/tv>)

\*\*There will be a LIVE "call-in" segment during the one-hour show to ask questions: #1-800-221-9460

