



# ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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"The law of the Lord is perfect,  
**refreshing** the soul.  
The decree of the Lord  
is trustworthy,  
giving **wisdom**  
to the simple."

Psalms 19:8



### Saint Columbkille Office

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### Parish Staff

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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:  
9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### Parish Religious Education

**Director of Religious Education**

Denise Stull

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**Coordinators of Religious Education**

Patricia & Joseph Petruskas

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### **Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**

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### **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 Denise Stull 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. SEP. 27: ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

**9:00 AM** For the intentions of Mary Porter and  
for Jack McDonald by his wife, Jackie



**TUES. SEP. 28: SS. WENCELAUS, LAWRENCE RUIZ & COMPANIONS**

**7:00 PM** Kenneth Hunsberger by wife, Judy

**WEDS. SEP. 29: SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL**

**9:00 AM** A Special intention

**THU. SEP. 30: ST. JEROME**

**7:00 PM** Dick Curley by the Curley Family

**FRI. OCT. 1: ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS**

**9:00 AM** Camillo & Mary Volpi by their family

**SAT. OCT. 2: VIGIL, TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**5:00 PM** Nancy & Charles Thomas by Georgia Marabella

**SUN. OCT. 3: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**9:00 AM** Ray Samulis by Joann Rivera

**11:00 AM** Al Recke by the Curley Family

## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50

**Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

**Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Lk 10:1-12

**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Sunday:** Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



## Celebrant Schedule

**Oct. 2/3 Twenty-seventh 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  
**For the Special Intentions of Jerry Theisen**  
**on the occasion of his 90th birthday**  
**by Sr. Jean**

The Flowers on the Altar  
**In Loving Memory of**  
**Dick Curley by the Curley Family**

## Today's Readings

**Reading I: Numbers 11: 25-29**

Joshua was loyal to Moses, so that when others prophesied, he really believed that they were usurping Moses' role. Moses answered with magnanimity of heart by approving these other authentic prophets.

**Reading II: James 5: 1-6**

The author issues a warning to the community about the fate of those who abuse their riches. He also consoles those whom the rich have oppressed.

**The Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48**

Jesus is as tolerant of non-disciples casting out demons in His name as Moses had been of other prophets in his time. Later, Jesus warns against letting one's senses trap you into sin or giving bad example. He also describes hell much like Isaiah did.

*Please Pray for our Recently Deceased  
Parishioners and Family of Parishioners*

**William Cuddy**  
**Brother-in-law of Kathleen Siar**

## 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 September 27	Tuesday September 28	Wednesday September 29	Thursday September 30	Friday October 1	Saturday October 2	Sunday October 3
9 am MASS 9:30am Flame of Love 12pm-OA Meeting 5:30pm AA Meeting 6:30 ChristLife 7pm Emmanuel Music 7pm Rosary Group 7pm Scouts 7:7pm Cub Scouts	7 pm Mass	9 am Mass  4pm PREP Gr 1-6 6PM PREP Gr 1-7  7:15pm Prayer Meeting	9:30 am Bible Study  4pm PREP Gr 7  6:30pm RCIA Classes  7 pm Mass	9 am Mass	9am Patriotic Rosary 9am Rosary for Vocations 9am Children's Rosary (zoom)  11am Knights in the Morning 4 pm-Confession 5 pm - Vigil Mass	7:30 am - Mass 9 am- Mass 11 am - Mass Breakfast Sandwiches K of C 10:15am Sunday Rosary 6:30pm Confirmation Rehearsal

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 \* **You are invited:** A few spots have opened up to  
 \* spend an hour with the Lord in Exposition of  
 \* the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please prayer-  
 \* fully consider if you would like to make this  
 \* commitment and contact the parish office with  
 \* your name, hour and phone number.  
 \* **Tues:** 1 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm & 5 pm; **Weds.:** 12 am & 3 pm;  
 \* **Thurs:** 5 pm, & 8 pm  
 \* *How does one spend an hour before Jesus exposed in the*  
 \* *Blessed Sacrament?* This hour Jesus wants you to spend with  
 \* Him is spent any way you wish. Bring your prayer book, read  
 \* the Bible, pray the rosary, or just sit, relax and enjoy the sweet  
 \* peace that comes from simply being in the Presence of God.  
 \* You may feel that you can't pray well. Don't let this discourage  
 \* you. The mere fact that you take time out at a specific time  
 \* each week to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacra-  
 \* ment pleases Him very much and is in itself a prayer of great  
 \* faith.  
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## 100th Anniversary NEWS

**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 beginning in October**

Knights of Columbus ❖ Senior Group ❖ Music Ministry ❖ Ecumenical (Boyertown Area Ministerial Association) ❖ PREP/RCIA ❖ LAOH ❖ Youth Group ❖ Prayer Group



to all of the parishioners who turned out to celebrate 100 years of St. Columbkil and for making our parish so great!

And too everyone who helped with set-up, picnic orchestration and clean up, we couldn't have done it without Y O U!

~ Charlene Wysocki  
 100th Anniversary Coordinator

**WORLD FAMOUS**  
**K of C Breakfast Sandwiches**  
 Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> after all Masses!

**2 Choices:**  
 1) Bacon, Egg & Cheese on an English Muffin...\$4.00  
 or  
 2) Sausage, Egg & Cheese on an English Muffin...\$4.00  
 Home Fries...\$1.00

Visit <http://kofc16544.org> for more information.

## BASKET PARTY NEWS: Tickets, Get your Tickets!

Tickets for the Basket Party "Through the Years" will be on sale in person after all Masses the weekend of October 2/3 or online until 10/20/21 at

[www.stcolumbkil.org](http://www.stcolumbkil.org) Ticket price of \$20 includes 30

basket chances as well as a door prize chance. If you

purchase your ticket by October 3<sup>rd</sup>, you will receive 2

door prize chances! October 3<sup>rd</sup> is also the Early Bird

deadline: if you donate your basket by this date, you will be eligible to win the Early Bird Basket which includes a \$50 Target gift card and a \$50 Wawa gift card.

Appointments for in person walk thru/viewing of the baskets will be available October 20-24<sup>th</sup> in advance of the drawing on Facebook Live, Sunday October 24<sup>th</sup>. Note that solely online participation is possible as well.

This year's basket party, in celebration of St. Columbkil's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, will be similar to others held *Through the Years - a grand success with your support!*



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 5:45 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.** in Iona Hall (basement level of St. Columbkil 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**

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):** 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 @** [margaretc@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:margaretc@stcolumbkil.org) or 610-248-2171 with questions or concerns.

## 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.

### Facilities Faith Lift II News

Please know that all of these renovations would NOT have been possible without your campaign contributions and dedication to the structural well-being of our parish.

Thank you so much for your constant support! If you still have a pledge balance, we would appreciate your attention towards completing your pledge if possible.

We are continuing Our Pennies to Bricks Campaign at the current time. 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 \$7,432.63 worth of pennies!*

**The grand total for both FFL I and FFL II Pennies collected so far is \$20,117.47!**

Please continue to pray for your Spiritually Adopted families, lifting each other in Prayer throughout our campaign. Questions concerning the remaining balance of your pledge can be directed to Gayle Fontaine, Campaign Coordinator at the parish office, 610-367-2371. We appreciate your continued prayers and support.

Make a payment through the Parish website:

Facilities Faith Lift II

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

**Sunday, Oct 3rd, 2021**

**Shower of Roses**

**celebration to be held at the Shrine of St. Therese (East Garibaldi Avenue, Nesquehoning, PA 18240)**

Mass at 1:00 pm

Procession 3:00 pm, Recital of the Rosary 3:00 pm

Benediction (4:00 pm)

Food Sale (11:00 - until sold out)

Spaghetti Dinner (11 - 3:00 pm)



## 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 2021 to June 2022

Month: August 2021

Last August 2020 (5 weeks)	This August 2021 (5 weeks)
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\$54,075.75

\$57,896.75

Includes Online: \$21,098.75

Includes Online: \$22,359.75

## Chiller and Boiler Replacement Fund Collection October 2nd-3rd Weekend

It has come to our attention that our Chiller and Boiler will need to be replaced. The cost of this very crucial maintenance is \$170,000. We will be having a special collection the weekend of October 2nd and 3rd to help defray the cost of this maintenance.

Your donations towards this effort would be greatly appreciated. Please, give as your means will allow.



There will be envelopes at the end of each pew for your check or cash donation.

Online donations may be made on the Parish Giving website under the name: "Chiller and Boiler Donation 2021"

We are sincerely grateful for your donations and thank you for your generous contributions towards the needs of our parish.

**Prayers for Priests, Deacons, Vocations:** Please kindly remember in your prayers all of the living and deceased priests and deacons of our Diocese. Please also pray for our seminarians and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



## 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 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton meeting 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 closed 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>. 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.

**VILLA MARIA ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL ANNOUNCES FALL**

**ADMISSIONS EVENTS:** Learn about what the Villa Maria sisterhood has to offer! Villa Maria Academy High School, a Catholic college preparatory school in the tradition of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, invites young women in 7th & 8th grades to attend the school's fall events. Located in Malvern, Villa Maria will host an Open House for prospective students and their families on Sunday, October 3. The 8th Grade Entrance-Scholarship Exam will be offered on two dates: Sunday, October 17, and Saturday, October 23. A new event, "Public to Private School: What to Expect," will be held on Tuesday, September 28. The VMA Virtual 8th Grade Preview will be offered on Thursday, October 28. Additionally, Villa Maria will host half-day Visit Villa Days to 8th grade students from September through December. For more information or to register, please visit [vmahs.org](http://vmahs.org) or contact the Admissions Office at (610) 644-2551.

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

We are in need of **quarters** to continue making laundry bags. Feel free to drop them off in the office, give to Heather or give to a Youth Group member. Thank you to all who have dropped quarters off to the office!!



Coming up... Next Youth Group meeting: **Sunday, October 10th** from 12:15-2:15pm in Iona Hall (downstairs). Lunch will be provided. All 7th-12th graders are invited to attend! More details were sent out via flocknote. Questions- contact Heather Shainline at [youth-group@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:youth-group@stcolumbkille.org).

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

- Our next meeting will be on **Monday, October 4th** in the **LAOH room at 7pm**. Make sure to start gathering your donations for our LAOH basket for the Basket party! If you have items, bring them to the meeting.
- We are in need of help with our Redner's Save-a-Tapes. Please contact Kathy or Heather if you can help.
- If you would like to be on the planning committee for helping spread our Irish roots during the year and in particular March of 2022, please contact Kathy.
- 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. Slàinte!

**Religious Education-PREP**  
**Denise Stull, Director****Parish Religious Education**  
**Program news**

Blessed and commissioned by Fr. Rich on September 19, the PREP catechists have started the religious education classes.

- + Grade 1: Patricia Kemp and Joan Weber
- + Grade 2: Elizabeth Roberge and Ellen Kanaley
- + Grade 3: Betsy Sutton and Ashley Doyle
- + Grade 4: Maryellen Kirch and Susan Fryer
- + Grade 5: Diane Sharpe and Erin Wydrzynski
- + Grade 6: Barbara Lee and Liza Mendez
- + Grade 7: Denise Stull and Elizabeth Roberge

**AMAZING**  
**CATECHISTS**

Grades 1-7 meet on Wednesday at 4 and 6pm and grade 7 again on Thursday at 4pm.

## Knights Corner

### UPCOMING ST. COLUMBKILL KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS EVENTS

- Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup> is **Respect Life Sunday**. The St. Columbkille Knights will be in the Narthex accepting donations for the **Rose For Life Drive** at all masses the weekend of October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Local pro-life centers including Birthright in Pottstown and A Baby's Breath in Phoenixville, Collegeville and Jeffersonville will benefit from your kindness in their work serving vulnerable mothers in choosing life for their babies.

**Please join us in your support for unborn lives that weekend and always.**

There will **Knights Breakfast Sandwiches** available, Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. See Bulletin for details.

Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner! The Knights will once again be having a **Chicken Parm Dinner** on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be available beginning this Saturday and Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at all Masses through October 10<sup>th</sup>.

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>



### HELLO SAINT COLUMBKILL FAMILIES!!

The Scout Oath: "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

Are the principles stated above in our Oath, ones you hope your children will follow?

Are you looking to get your children involved in some outdoor activities?

St. Columbkille is the Chartered Organization for three Boy Scouts of America units:

**Cub Pack 545** - for boys & girls in Kindergarten through fifth grade

**Troop 545G** - for girls in sixth grade through age 17

**Troop 545B** - for boys in sixth grade through age 17

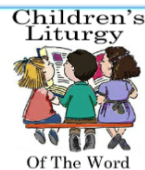
As you can see, we have a scouting program that fits all school-age youth, both boys and girls. We have great leaders and volunteers who devote time each week to ensure our youth get the most from their scouting experience, and we encourage other parents to get involved as they are able.

### 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  
or call Marcia Martin at 610-223-2484



## Music Corner

### Music Ministries Return!

All of our choirs and music ministers are excited that we will be returning to our ministries this fall!

**For more information:**

**IGNITE** - the youth/young adults of our parish sing more contemporary music. Contact Carolyn Quinn at carolynsings4@gmail.com.

**Adult Choir** - we enjoyed singing for special occasions, and are ready to return to a normal schedule! For more information contact Deb Maskrey at debm@stcolumbkille.org

**Cantors** - we are always looking for additional people to lead the congregation in song and praise at Mass. For more information contact Deb Maskrey at debm@stcolumbkille.org

**Keyboard/Pianists** - start a ministry as an accompanist for one of the choirs mentioned here, or to play regularly at mass. Put those lessons to work for you! Contact Deb Maskrey at debm@stcolumbkille.org.



### EMMANUEL MUSIC MINISTRY:

Like to sing? (esp MEN!) Play an instrument? Emmanuel accompanies the liturgy at the 11:00 Mass on first and third Sundays of the month. We welcome you to visit our rehearsals on Monday evenings from 7pm to 9pm. Inquiries can be directed to Kathy Herber 610.741.4546 (k\_piano99@yahoo.com) OR Phyllis Rieger 484.509.6257 (phyrieger@gmail.com) Your continued support is greatly appreciated.



**Meetings** are held Monday nights from 7 to 8 PM for the Cub Pack, and 7 to 8:30 for the Troop 545 G & B at the church. Please contact the New Member Coordinator, Eugene Kovach at 484-432-6778, or email emkovach@outlook.com for more information. We look forward to hearing from you!



Pack 545



Troop 545G



Troop 545B



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St. Columbkil 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. Columbkil Pre-K by shopping **AmazonSmile** and by choosing **St. Columbkil Church** as your charitable organization.



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>



The Catholic Woman's Club of Berks County is celebrating their 100th anniversary on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH at the DoubleTree 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)

### Family Rosary

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. Please contact Kevin Martin at (610) 689-4244 or Kim Frattone at (484)300-1808 with questions or for more details.

### 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.



### Are you ready to Boscov?

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Days is just around the corner...and it's at the Coventry Mall location ONLY! JUST REMEMBER to buy your pass at the Saint Columbkil CHURCH OFFICE and present it at check-out...you'll save 25% on most purchases! Buy a pass for your family to shop, save and support our parish, too!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for  
Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>,  
7AM to 11PM!  
Cost: \$5.00



### Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusts 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.





*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



### Rose for Life



Sunday, October 3, 2021 is Respect Life Sunday. At all Masses on Oct. 2 & Oct. 3, the Knights of Columbus will request your contribution for a Rose for Life emblem. Your generous support benefits our area pro-life pregnancy centers such as Birthright in Pottstown and A Baby's Breath in Collegeville, Jeffersonville, and Phoenixville. Like many of our neighbors, A Baby's Breath in Collegeville felt the effects of the remnants of Hurricane Ida with 7 inches of flood water at their center. Your gift continues their service to vulnerable mothers and helps them choose life for their babies.

### Attention all Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers:

The next Ministry Schedule will begin on the weekend of October 2/3. It will run from Saturday, October 2nd through Sunday October 31. You will receive an email when the Ministry Schedule is active. Please be sure to get a replacement if you are unable to serve at your scheduled time. Thank you for your generous gift of service to our parish.



**September 26 - Week 36** – My mom is really finding it hard to get comfortable these days. I wish I could tell her how much I appreciate all that she has done for me. Is she anxious for me to be born? Please keep praying for both of us. *“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.”*



### Baby Shower and Diaper Bag Collection for Birthright

The Human Concerns Ministry has been conducting an Awareness Program for “Unborn Children in Danger of Abortion,” over the last several months, which will continue through the birth of the child. Hopefully, you have seen the weekly notices in the parish bulletin that described the development of the child and were inspired to include the “unborn children in danger of abortion” in your prayers. In celebration of the birth of babies everywhere that have been saved by your weekly prayer, we are hosting a baby shower and diaper bag collection to benefit Birthright of Pottstown. A crib will be set up in the narthex of the church from October 9-17 to collect unwrapped new baby shower items and new or gently used diaper bags. New items that you could donate include size 1, 2, or 3 disposable diapers, crib sheets and receiving blankets, baby lotion, baby shampoo, baby wipes and refills, changing pads, burp clothes, Onesies, diaper cream, 0 to 3 month clothing, large maternity tops, and Dreft baby laundry detergent. Gently used clothing up to size 18-months may also be donated. Anyone who would like to make a monetary donation may place cash in the offertory basket in an envelope marked “Birthright,” or checks payable to “Birthright.” Please continue to pray for those children who may be in danger of abortion.



**Medjugorje Prayer Group:** 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 Efst room. Please email me (meganrepko@gmail.com) or Sue Fryer (sspenice4@comcast.net) if you are interested so that we know to expect you!

**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).

**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](http://FaithHopeCharity-Gives.org).

### 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](mailto: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.

### Widow and Widowers Grief Support

In general most people underestimate the length and severity of their grief. At times our expectations are unrealistic and assistance is insufficient. Our Reach-Out sessions can help. We ask for your prayers at this difficult time for those who have lost a loved one. 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.

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** "Our Hearts Are Restless Until They Rest In You" St. Augustine in his "Confessions" reminds us that in our restlessness is God calling us to a deeper relationship with Him. One way to grow deeper in your faith and to develop a closer relationship with God is to consider teaming up with a trained Spiritual Director. St. Columbkille is fortunate in that one of our fellow parishioners, Kevin Martin, is a trained spiritual Director (trained at Neumann University, Aston Pa where he earned a Masters Degree in Pastoral Care & Counseling/ Spiritual Direction trac.) For information please contact Kevin Martin at 610-310-7077 or [kmartinofs@gmail.com](mailto:kmartinofs@gmail.com)



Are you looking for a solid, classical education for your child? **Mater Laetitia Academy** is a new Catholic hybrid school which will be starting in the fall at St. Thomas More Parish. Please spread the word so that others may benefit. Contact info.: Patty Reyher 484-241-0601 or Mary Cromwell 267-307-9101. <https://materlaetitia.com/>

**Birthright of Pottstown** is a pregnancy care center serving young women and their babies in the Pottstown area for over 40 years. We provide free pregnancy tests, support, and friendship to women who think they may be pregnant. In addition, we have maternity clothes and baby items to support moms in need. Do you have a couple hours each week to spare, helping women and babies? Please consider becoming a Birthright volunteer! Training is available for the many different roles our volunteers fill; we can work with your schedule! Please call or email Birthright for more information. 610-327-2626 or [birthrightpottstown@gmail.com](mailto:birthrightpottstown@gmail.com)

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 [meganrepro@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:meganrepro@stcolumbkille.org).

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



### SENIOR GROUP UPDATE:

Present board members had a meeting this past week. Due to medical conditions the present board is retiring. We are looking for a new group of board members.

(Please pass the word to anyone not a member of Saint Columbkille.) Anyone interested in taking over the Senior Group, please call the Parish office or contact Donald Gilbert at 610-369-5950. Stay tuned, more information to follow.

