



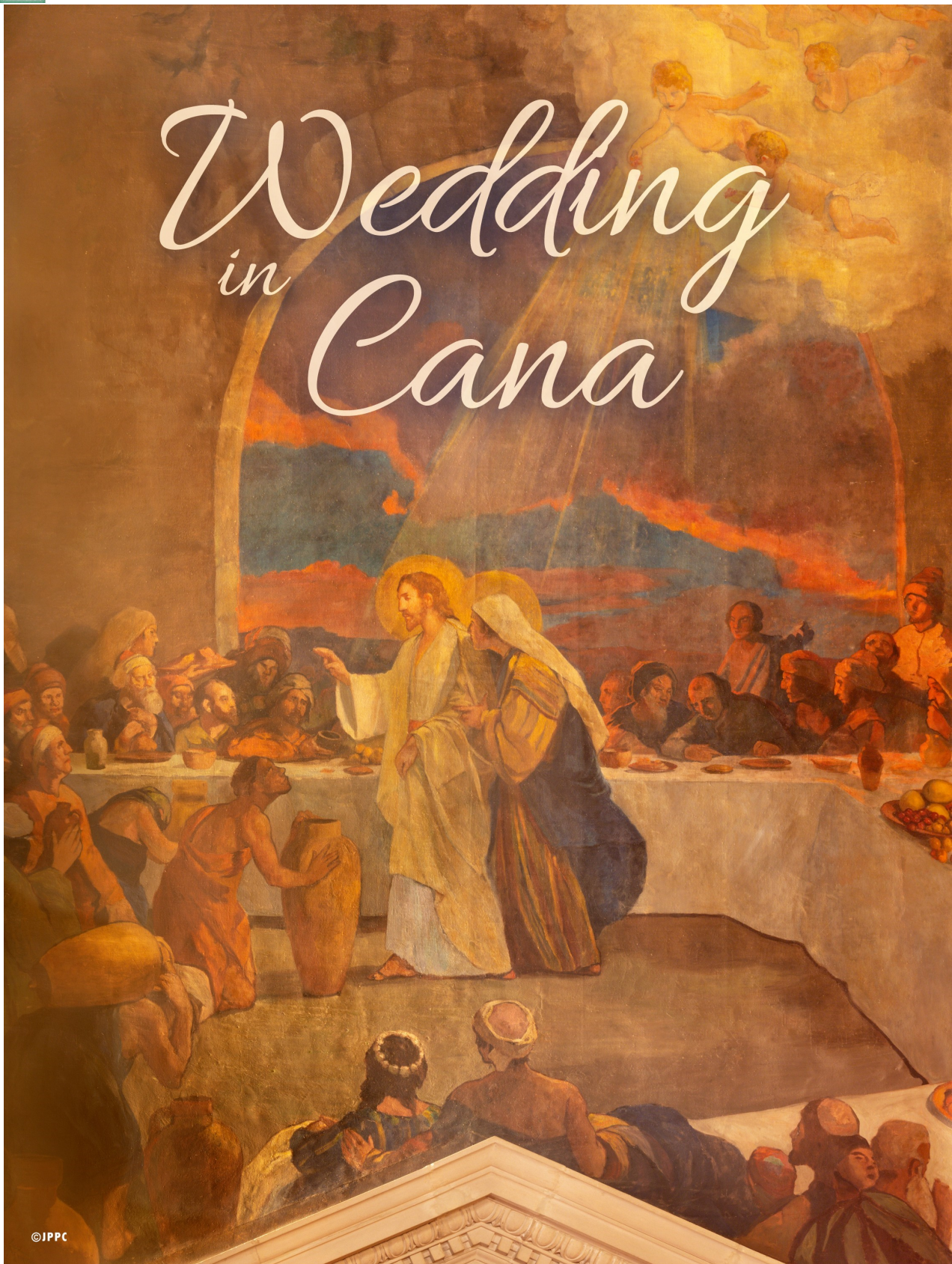
# ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

200 INDIAN SPRING RD., BOYERTOWN, PA 19512

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16 JANUARY 2022 ~ THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Saint Columbkille Office

200 Indian Spring Rd. \* Boyertown, PA 19512  
Telephone: 610-367-2371 \* Fax: 610-367-0242

#### **Office Hours:**

**Monday-Friday ~ 9:30am-5:30pm**

**Pastor:** Reverend Richard Clement  
fatherrich@stcolumbkille.org

#### **Deacons:**

James Kochu, deaconjim2015@stcolumbkille.org  
Joseph L. Paschall, Deaconpaschall@stcolumbkille.org  
Joseph Petruskas: dcjnjoepet2015@stcolumbkille.org  
Emeritus: Michael V. Woodall

### Parish Staff

**Pastoral Associate:** Sister Jean Wickenheiser, OSF  
srjean@stcolumbkille.org

**Director of Music:** Deb Maskrey-debm@stcolumbkille.org

**R.C.I.A. Coordinator:** Margaret Chovanes  
margaretc@stcolumbkille.org 610-248-2171

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**Chief Financial Officer/Campaign Coordinator:**  
Gayle B. Fontaine ~ gaylef@stcolumbkille.org

#### **Administrative Assistants:**

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- Bulletin submissions: bulletin@stcolumbkille.org

Liza Mendez, lizam@stcolumbkille.org

Joann Rivera, joannr@stcolumbkille.org

**General Parish Email:** parishsecretary@gmail.com

**Director of Pre-School:** Caitlin Nickel,  
preschool@stcolumbkille.org

### Sunday Mass

Saturday evening: 5:00p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

### Daily Mass

Monday Wednesday & Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

### Holydays

Vigil Mass the day before the Holyday of Obligation .  
4:00 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

denises@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



PARISH GIVING is a safe, secure and easy way to make online Parish and Church donations. Visit [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org) for more information and to sign up

### Parish Council

Parish Council meets the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Room.

Meeting Meetings are posted on the parish website.

Select "Ministries" and then select "Parish Council".

## Information

### Blessed Sacrament

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held daily in the chapel.

(See times on page 3)

### 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 PM and during the 10 AM Mass Baptism Prep Classes for parents and godparents are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM 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. JAN. 17: ST. ANTHONY / MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY**

9:00 AM John H. Kern by son, Marty (11th Anniversary)

**TUE. JAN. 18: SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:00 PM: Nancy Gonzales by the McElderry Dry Wall Family

**WEDS. JAN. 19: SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

9:00 AM Anne Schultz by Howard &amp; Patricia Schultz

**THU. JAN. 20: ST. HILARY**

7:00 PM Matthew Choiniski by Karen Bolli

**FRI. JAN. 21: ST. AGNES**

6:30 AM Mass-Pro Life Pilgrimage

9:00 AM Diane (Decker) Rehiel by Rose Hughes

**SAT. JAN. 22: VIGIL: THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM Mary Dudeck by Joan Giles &amp; Family

**SUN. JAN. 23: THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00 AM Dr. David Gibson by Kathy Dougherty

10:00 AM Antonio Maffei

by Deacon Chuck &amp; Barbara Giordano

6:00 PM Aaron Weingard by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Kurt Gordon

## Sanctuary Memorials



The Sanctuary Candle will burn  
*In Loving Memory of Deacon Chuck Giordano*  
 by Dolores Ondo



## Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13; Mk 3:7-12**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21**Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## Today's Readings

**Reading I: Isaiah 62: 1-5**

God seems to have "grown impatient" (note the quotation marks) as He breaks forth, through His prophet in praise of Zion. He predicts how she shall shine among the nations of the world, and hold an attraction for Him, relatively small though she is.

**Reading II: I Corinthians 12: 4-11**

In response to a community problem, Paul outlines the variety of gifts that the Holy Spirit bestows on members, who remain distinct but still united with everyone else. These gifts enable the community to function as the Lord's joy.

**The Gospel: John 2: 1-11**

The first miracle of Jesus takes place at a wedding reception and is described by John as a "sign" that reveals Our Lord's glory, enough to encourage His early disciples to believe in Him.

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

*Clair Lute*

&amp;

*Michael Maggio*

## Celebrant Schedule

**Jan. 23 The Third Week in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 5:00 PM Fr. Rich Clement

Sunday 8:00 AM Fr. Rich Clement

10:00 AM Fr. Rich Clement

6:00 PM Fr. Rich Clement

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, 17 January in observance of the Martin Luther King Holiday.

Extended Adoration  
of the Blessed Sacrament

## 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.

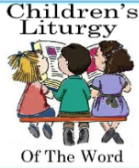


Monday January 17	Tuesday January 18	Wednesday January 19	Thursday January 20	Friday January 21	Saturday January 22	Sunday January 23
9 am Mass  PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MLK Holiday  9:30am Flame of Love 12pm-OA Meeting 5:30pm AA Meeting 7pm Emmanuel Music 7pm Rosary Group 7pm Scouts	7 pm Mass  7pm Knights of Colum- bus mtg	9 am Mass  4pm First Penance Parent mtg. 4 pm PREP Gr 1-6 6pm First Penance Parent mtg. 6 pm PREP Gr 1-7  7:15 pm Charismatic Prayer Group	9:30 am Bible Study 1:30pm RCIA classes  4 pm PREP gr 7  7 pm MASS  7:30pm Parish Council Mtg	6:30am Mass Pro Life Pilgrimage  9 am Mass	9 am Patriotic Rosary Rosary for Vocations Children's Rosary-Zoom  4 pm-4:45 pm Confessions 5PM VIGIL MASS	8 am - Mass 10 am- Mass (Hearing Impaired) 6 pm - Mass  9:15am Sunday Rosary

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Children's Liturgy takes place during the **10:00 AM** Mass.

Volunteers are needed. Contact Marcia Martin BASSCL412@gmail.com or call Marcia Martin at 610-223-2484



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 - Zoom app.

All are welcome to Join us!! If you have questions please contact

Megan at (610) 310-5661 or [meganrepko@stcolumbkill.org](mailto: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,

### St. Columbkille Daily Lottery Tickets!

Tickets for the St. Columbkille Daily Lottery are on sale **RIGHT NOW** right in the Parish Office! For just \$10, you could win \$50, \$100 or even the Grand Prize...\$500, in the month of February! And you can win more than once! Purchase your tickets now before your lucky numbers are gone. The Fundraising Committee thanks you for your participation. **GOOD LUCK!**

### NEW COLLECTIONS ENVELOPE COMPANY BEGINS JANUARY 2022

For those parishioners who donate to the Parish via cash or check for offering, you will be receiving your envelope packets from Church Budget for collections beginning January 9th.

You may notice your envelope number is different—this mistake will be corrected on the next batch of envelopes. This will not effect your account being credited. Thank you for your patience as we work through the kinks.

### 2021 DONATION REPORT FOR TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like to receive your family's 2021 contribution statement, please write "Send tax Statement" on your contribution envelope and place it in the collection basket as usual or email [parishsecretary@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:parishsecretary@stcolumbkill.org) to request a statement.

100th Anniversary N E W S

**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.**



### PARISH MINISTRY FAIR

- THIS WEEKEND
- IN QUINN HALL
- AFTER ALL MASSES

**MINISTRY GROUPS IN THE PARISH WILL BE PRESENT TO SHARE WHAT THEY DO IN THE PARISH AND HOW YOU MAY WISH TO BE INVOLVED.**



**PLEASE DROP IN.  
REFRESHMENTS SERVED:  
COFFEE AND DONUTS**



## Stewardship

Facilities Faith Lift II Capital Campaign  
News

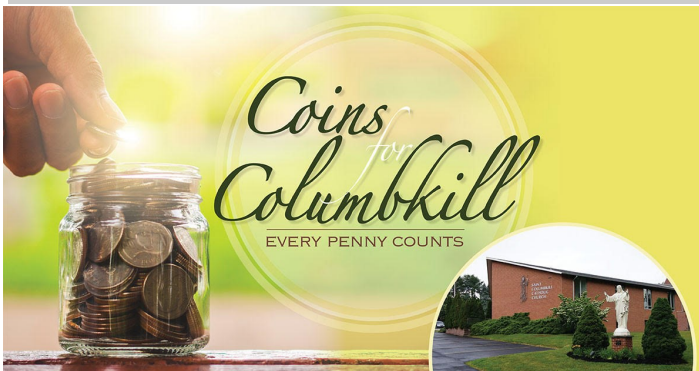
We wish to thank our parishioners for their consistent pledge payments to the Facilities Faith Lift II Campaign.

**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.

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



**"Coins for Columbkille,  
Every Penny Counts".**

**We will be continuing our coin collection which will benefit our building fund for future capital needs of the Parish. You are always most welcome to come into the Narthex to deposit your coins into the container.**

**Thank you for your support.**

**Starting amount collected for the Coins for Columbkille...Every Penny Counts program  
\$ 245.50**

**Men's Prayer Group:** 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. 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**

**FY 21-22 Fiscal Year - Income/Expense Report**  
**July 2021- through December 2021**

Total Operating Income	\$492,343.00
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Total Operating Expenses	\$404,159.00
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Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	\$88,184.00
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**MONTHLY COLLECTION**

**Fiscal Year July 2021 to June 2022**

**Month: December 2021**

Last Dec. 2020 (4 weeks)	This Dec. 2021 (4 weeks)
\$53,725.75	\$58,173.75
Includes Online: \$23,677.75	Includes Online: \$23,035.75

**Chiller and Boiler  
Replacement Fund Collection**

**Thank you, dear Parishioners!!** We are overwhelmed with gratitude at the response to our need for assistance in replacing our Chiller and Boilers. Your donations towards this effort are greatly appreciated.

**We have collected \$102,788 to date, which is 60% of the anticipated cost of the \$170,000 replacement.**

For those who may want to support our Chiller and Boiler Fund but have not yet had the opportunity, we will continue to keep our online giving option open through the end of the year. Collection envelopes will also be available in the Narthex for your use for cash or check donations.

Please, give as your means allow. Online donations may be made on the Parish Giving website under the name: "Chiller & Boiler Donation 2021" We are sincerely grateful for your donations and thank you for your generous contributions to the needs of the parish. **Thank you, Thank you!!**

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

- Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 1st to celebrate our St. Brigid's Mass! We will have light refreshments after Mass.
- We will be celebrating our Irish roots the entire month of March. An Irish meet and greet with refreshments, a presentation from Mr. Watson on Duffy's Cut, an Irish contest for our kids and so much more. Stay tuned for more information! Sisters: If you have any other ideas, please let Heather or Kathy know.
- Want to know more about LAOH and who we are? Please contact Kathy Varady at kvarady2@gmail.com to learn more. Sláinte!



## 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.**

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.



Be Not Afraid to say "yes" to Jesus. Answer his call. Consider the priesthood and religious life.

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

**Continued Service Project:** Again, thank you for all of the quarters donated so far! To date, we have donated 124 laundry kits! We will continue to collect quarters/monetary donations to continue making more laundry kits. We would like to make more kits in March so keep those quarters coming!

**Coming up...**

YG meeting Sunday, January 16th at 12:30pm. Pick up a snack bag after all Masses this weekend and join us VIRTUALLY on Zoom for a fun and relaxed meeting.

Zoom ID: 874 755 4969 Password: yg2022

YG meeting Sunday, February 13th

YG meeting Sunday, March 13th

**Save the dates!**

Wonder Retreat: March 18-20, 2022

Holy Week Mission: April 13-16, 2022

Young Men's Retreat: May 2022

CHWC: June 12th-17/18th, 2022

Steubenville: July 22-24, 2022

**Religious Education-PREP**

Grades 1-6 meet at 4p.m. and grades 1-7 at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. Grade 7 also meets on Thursday at 4 p.m.



Wednesday, January 19:

4pm First Penance Parents Meeting

6pm First Penance Parents Meeting

**Vacation Bible School**

**You are TREASURED!**  
**Dates for VBS 2022 coming soon.**

## Knights Corner



The St. Columbkil Knights of Columbus thank you for supporting our January Breakfast.

The February Breakfast will be Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Hope to see you there!

### Annual Baby Bottle Drive!

The St. Columbkil Knights are holding our annual Baby Bottle Drive to support our life initiatives including:

March For Life, BirthRight and Mary's Shelter.

Baby Bottles will be available in the Narthex before and after all Masses for the next several weeks. We ask that you take the Baby Bottles home to fill with loose bills and change.

We will collect them through Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Thank You for participating!

Interested in becoming a Knight?

Plan on visiting the Knights of Columbus table at the Parish Ministry Fair before and after all Masses next weekend, January 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.

Meet and talk with your brother parishioner Knights about what we do.

We look forward to seeing you!

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. Columbkil Knight or visit our website:

<https://kofc16544.org>



### Baby Bottle for Life Campaign



Please donate your spare change to support Pro-Life efforts for the unborn and their mothers and all those who support them.



Return Bottles by **January 30<sup>th</sup>** to the Crib.

Thanks for your support of the unborn.

## Knights of Columbus Breakfast



Our Monthly Breakfast is the **FIRST** Sunday of the month, from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. For Updates check-out the Knight's web site or the Knight's Corner in the Bulletin.



**Our next Breakfast is on Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**



**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 Chovanec @ [margaretc@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:margaretc@stcolumbkil.org) or 610-248-2171 with questions or concerns.

## Music Corner

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



**Adult Choir** - It is wonderful to be back singing at Mass! With the change in the Mass schedule, the adult choir will be singing the 2nd & 4th Sundays at the 10am Mass, starting 11/28. Our practice schedule will continue to be Sunday mornings, starting at 9am in the Ehst room. For more information contact Deb Maskrey at [debm@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:debm@stcolumbkil.org).

**Cantors/Leaders of Song** - We have a wonderful group of cantors, but there is always room for more leaders! Support is available by means of practice sessions with the organist/accompanist in person, or via phone. You Tube is also a great tool! Students grade 7 and up, this is a great opportunity to serve your parish community. Contact Deb Maskrey at [debm@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:debm@stcolumbkil.org) with questions or more information.

**Children's choir** is on hold out of an abundance of caution in order to protect children from Covid as they cannot receive vaccines at this time. We look forward to a time when we can safely resume the program. If you have any questions, contact Carolyn at [carolynsings4@gmail.com](mailto:carolynsings4@gmail.com)

**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@stcolumbkil.org](mailto:debm@stcolumbkil.org).

### EMMANUEL MUSIC MINISTRY:

**VIOLINISTS, WE NEED YOU!** Emmanuel accompanies the liturgy on 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 10am Mass. We rehearse on Monday evenings from 7pm to 9pm. Please contact Kathy Herber 610.741.4546 ([k\\_piano99@yahoo.com](mailto:k_piano99@yahoo.com)) OR Phyllis Rieger 484.509.6257 ([phyrieger@gmail.com](mailto:phyrieger@gmail.com)). Your consideration is greatly appreciated. Thanks.





**You are invited:** A few spots have opened up to spend an hour with the Lord in Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please prayerfully consider if you would like to make this commitment and contact the parish office with your name, hour and phone number.

- ♦ **Tuesdays: 12 noon, 3 pm, 4 pm**
- ♦ **Wednesdays: 3 pm, 4pm, 7pm**
- ♦ **Thursdays: 5 pm**
- ♦ **Fridays: 1 pm**



## RETROUVAILLE

HelpOurMarriage.org  
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.

### 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.

### **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.

**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)

### **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.

### **Tell Your Friends & Neighbors... SENIORS GROUP UPDATE!!!**

**2:00pm — 2nd WEDNESDAYS  
beginning April 13th, 2022**

**Due to an up-tick in illnesses and out of an abundance of caution, we are postponing the previously scheduled Jan. 12th Seniors Group gathering. In addition, to stay clear of wintery conditions, Seniors Group will re-convene monthly gatherings Wednesday, April 13th at 2:00pm. We look forward to seeing everyone, and thank you for your understanding and support. Take care and stay well,**

**Phyllis Rieger 484-509-6257,  
[phyrieger@gmail.com](mailto:phyrieger@gmail.com)**

Join fellow parishioners on this prayerful pilgrimage and witness to life in Washington, DC on Friday, January 21, 2022. The theme of this year's national march is "Equality Begins in the Womb". Mass will be celebrated here in our church at 6:30am before boarding the bus at 7:15am. Return time is approximately 10:00pm. Participants are asked to dress warmly, wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a bag lunch. Cost for the trip is \$50 which includes transportation, light morning refreshments and buffet dinner at Golden Corral on the return trip. Students are ½ price (\$25). Sign-up in the church office or online. Payment secures your reservation. Need off from work? Plan ahead: now is the time to schedule your vacation day! If you are unable to join us in person, please consider supporting the group by your prayers and/or by sponsoring a seat. Questions? contact Candee Holzman at (484) 431-2085.



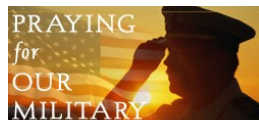


*Please Pray for the following Intentions:  
For Our Family Members in the Military*

*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  
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Staff Sgt Anthony DeVito  
Sgt Amy Exum  
Sgt. Mark Bergstresser  
Sgt. Billy Beuch USA  
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**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).

**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 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!

**Project Rachel & Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Programs :**

Project Rachel is a 10 week free post-abortive counseling program with a trained therapist sponsored by the Diocese of Allentown. Counseling is offered in English & Spanish. Both Project Rachel & Rachel's Vineyard are open to Catholics, Christians and non-Christians alike. For more information contact Carol Swavely at the Catholic Charities, Diocese of Allentown main office 610-435-1541 ext. 373 or Sister Margaret at 610-207-8612.

**St. Columbkille Families with School-Age Children-Please Read:**

ATTENTION Families - The 545 Scouts BSA Units of St. Columbkille need your help!!!

We are looking for youth and leaders for the Scouts BSA Girl Troop here at St. Columbkille.

The Scouts BSA program is for youth in sixth through twelfth grade (up to age 18). Here at St. Columbkille, we are fortunate to have Troops for both girls and boys in that age range. Unfortunately, due to a drop in our membership, we may not be able to continue this tradition. We are in desperate need to bring in additional girls and leaders in order to be able to recharter our Girls Troop. For youth in Kindergarten through fifth grade, we have our Cub Pack, which is also open to both boys and girls.

Our 545 Scouting units are active in community programs. Most recently, we supported the Chillin' on Main event in Boyertown, where

we hosted a workshop so children attending the event could build wooden tool boxes to take home. Back in November, we collected food from surrounding neighborhoods in support of the Scouting for Food program. Our Troop and Pack collected over 640 items from our most generous neighbors. – Thank You Boyertown!

Please consider this worthwhile program for your children. Speaking from personal experience, my three sons thoroughly enjoy scouting. Being involved in this program, my sons, as well as my wife and I, have made great friendships, that we are so thankful for. We often speak of our 545 "Family", which is so much more than just a program that our kids take part in...

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 Eugene Kovach at 484-432-6778, or email [emkovach@outlook.com](mailto:emkovach@outlook.com)



**Attic Treasure Flea Market**  
**Dates: Drop off Monday,**  
**April 18-April 20**  
**Sale is Friday, April 22 -**  
**April 24**



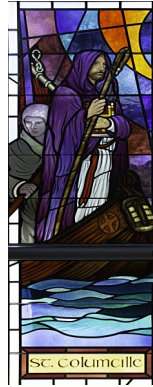
- » **All items dropped off must be clean and useable.**
- » **No electronics, TV's or Computers.**
- » **Looking for many, many helpers.**

**We will start having organizational meetings at the end of March. First meeting date to be announced. Check back in the bulletin for updates.**

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*Any questions, please call  
Carol Palladino  
at 610-323-4535.*



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#### ***Widow and Widowers Grief Support***

The next "REACH OUT" session will be on January 23rd at MBS, Fr Schneider Hall. Please note that we are resuming our standard scheduled of second and fourth Sundays of the month. For those in need regardless of when you spouse has died, we provide a safe place for all widow & widowers to find that remembrance and readjustment are compatible. For more information and for anyone who has suffered a loss of any one close to them, please call Dn. Mike Boyle 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)

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