



ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

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A silhouette of a person carrying a large cross on their back, walking across a dark, rolling landscape. The background is a dramatic sunset sky with golden clouds and a bright sun low on the horizon.

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Saint Columbkille Office

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Monday-Friday ~ 9:30am-4:00pm

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fatherrich@stcolumbkille.org

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Director of Pre-School: Caitlin Nickel,

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Sunday Mass

Saturday evening: 5:00

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 a.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

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 Council

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

Meeting minutes are posted on the parish website.

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



PARISH GIVING is a safe, secure and easy way to make online Parish and Church donations. Visit www.parishgiving.org for more information and to sign up

Information

Blessed Sacrament

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

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 the last Sunday of each month during the 10 AM Mass. (except during Lent)

Baptism Prep Classes for parents and godparents are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 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

If you are sick or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact the Parish office to arrange a visit. (610) 367-2371

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./ Thurs -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 or call the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

MON. AUG. 29: THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

9:00 AM Stephen Haefner by Andrew & Karen Vivian

TUE. AUG. 30: TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00 PM: Teresa Mullaney by Patty & Michael Miller

WEDS. AUG. 31: TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Antonina Mannino by Maria Lafata & Rosalia Gallina

THU. SEP. 1: TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

7:00 PM Frank & Rita Scannell by the Curley Family

FRI. SEP. 2: TWENTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

9:00 AM Nick Crawford by Marion Zielinski

SAT. SEP. 2: VIGIL TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM Richard Brandel by Tom & MaryAnn Blocher
& For Those Enrolled in the Iona Memorial Fund

SUN. SEP. 4: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Rose Kantz by the Wysocki Family

10:00 AM Rose Kantz by Joe & Antonette Fabrizio

Today's Readings

Reading I: Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29

The high and mighty have more to be humble than the weak and lowly of the world. Hand in hand with practitioners of humility is God's favor.

Reading II: Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24a

The old assembly and its covenant was set up here on earth. The new assembly is now in heaven, with no further need of a covenant while they enjoy the reward of the humble.

The Gospel: Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Those who exalt themselves with excess pride and self-worth shall be humbled. This will occur on the Lord's timetable, and it shall be a needed cure of what amounts to a disease.

Celebrant Schedule

September 4: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5:00 PM Fr. Rich Clement

Sunday 8:00 AM Fr. Rich Clement
10:00 AM Fr. Rich Clement

Sanctuary Memorials



The Sanctuary Candle will burn
In Loving Memory of Ruth Ann Donnelly
by Ann Gilleran & Erin Fox

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102; Mk 6:17-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15; Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phmn 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Welcome new members

The Ansaldo Family

The Arnold Family

The DiCicco Family

The Gessler Family

The Hamilton Family

The Jensen Family

The Lochner Family

The Stoltz Family



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.



Calendar

Monday August 29	Tuesday August 30	Wednesday August 31	Thursday September 1	Friday September 2	Saturday September 3	Sunday September 4
9 am Mass 9:30am Flame of Love - Holy Hour 12pm OA 5:30pm AA Meeting 7pm Scouts Troop 545 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm Rosary Group 7pm PREP Prt Mtg 7pm Emmanuel	7 pm MASS	9am MASS 7:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Mtg.	9:30 am Bible Study 7 PM MASS	9 am MASS	9 am Patriotic Rosary Rosary for Vocations Children's Rosary-Zoom 11am Knights in the A.M. 3pm Medjugorje Prayer Mtg. 4pm Confessions 5 PM VIGIL MASS	8 am - Mass 9:15 Sunday Rosary 10 am—Mass (Hearing Impaired)

TROOP 545 Popcorn sales

Stewardship

FAMILY MINISTRY GROUP

AT ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH



Join us as we kick off a new ministry group for young families with children! Our mission is to create fellowship for families as we teach our children the Catholic faith!

Meet and Greet Brunch: Sunday September 18th after the 10:00 AM Mass in the Ehst room

Bring your favorite breakfast or lunch dish and share a meal with fellow families after Mass. Contact Sarah or Joanna to let us know if you'll be joining us and what you're bringing! We will hold quarterly brunches with our group to get to know each other better!

Family Adoration Hour: Thursdays at 6:00 PM in the Chapel

A special hour reserved for families to spend time with the Lord. Everyone is welcome, including young children! Come for 5 minutes or stay for the full hour!



Children's Rosary: Saturdays at 9:00 AM via Zoom

Join us on Saturday mornings in the comfort of your home to pray the Rosary! Young children can watch as we place roses at Mary's feet for each decade we pray.

Meeting ID: 488 598 630 **Password:** Rosary

Children's Liturgy: Sundays at 10:00 AM

Children of any age are welcome to attend Children's liturgy during the 10:00 AM Mass. This program explains each Sunday's Mass readings in an easy way for children to understand. Children's liturgy also allows the children to learn the Creed and offer petitionary prayers.

Contact Sarah Sullivan (SSullivan4916@outlook.com) or Joanna White (Joannawhite416@gmail.com) for more details.

Facilities Faith Lift II Capital Campaign

We wish to thank our parishioners for their consistent pledge payments to the

Facilities Faith Lift II Campaign.

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:



Continuing the journey - providing safety and access for our growing parish family

FY 21-22 Fiscal Year - Income/Expense Report

July 2021- through June 2022

Total Operating Income	\$956,092.00
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Total Operating Expenses	\$807,403.00
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Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	\$148,689.00
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MONTHLY COLLECTION

Fiscal Year July 2022 to June 2023

Month: July 2022

Last July 2021 (4 weeks)	This July 2022 (4 weeks)
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\$45,486.81

\$45,752.25

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Includes Online: \$21,186.75	Includes Online: \$20,229.75
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Includes Online: \$20,229.75

Chiller and Boiler

Replacement Fund Collection Update

Many thanks to our very generous parishioners who donated approximately 79% of the cost of replacement for both the Boiler and Chiller to date. We have collected \$120,594 to date for both Chiller and Boiler

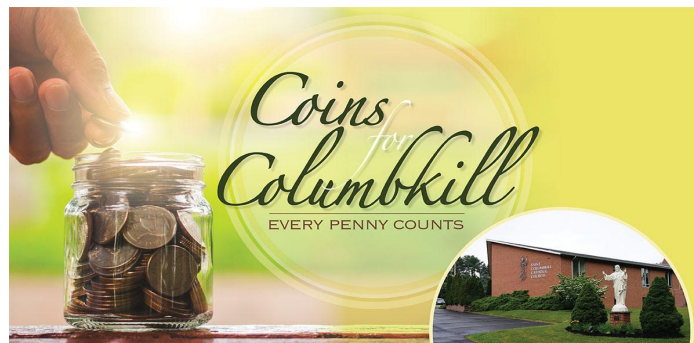
Our boiler was replaced last Fall at a cost of \$70,000.

Our chiller installation has now been completed. The total cost to the Parish for the chiller installation totaled \$83,505. Gehringer Mechanical handled the installation.

Both Boiler and Chiller installations cost \$153,505.

We are continuing to accept donations through the end of this year, both online and via check/cash. Collection envelopes are still in the narthex for your use for cash or check donations. Online donations may be made on the Parish Giving website under the name "Chiller & Boiler Donation 2021".

As always, we are sincerely grateful for your donations to date and thank you for your generous response to the capital needs of our parish!



Coins for Columbkill benefits our Building Fund for future capital needs of the parish.
Total collected to date is \$930.15!

Parish News

Religious Education-PREP

Denise Stull, Director

Registration for religious education classes for the coming year is OPEN.

The cost will remain the same, but the session times have changed. Classes for grades 1-7 will be **one hour** long, 4-5 or 5:30-6:30pm on Wednesdays.

Grade 8/9 will meet on Thursday evenings for 8 weeks. Homeschooling for grades 1-7 remains an option. The calendar for the upcoming year is available now on the parish website.

Bishop Schlert will celebrate Confirmation on October 4th at 4:30 pm
Contact: denises@stcolumbkill.org



Religious Education

Overeaters Anonymous (OA) meets on Mondays at noon in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton room. You can share your journey or listen to others. See OA.org to know if this spiritual, emotional, physical program is right for you. The only requirement to join is a desire to stop eating compulsively.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Come strengthen your faith on **Wed. evenings 7:00 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.



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.

"In old age they will still bear fruit" (Ps 92:15).

Catholic Grandparents Association News



I want to thank everyone who participated in the 2nd World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, especially the new members. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, Sunday, August 28th, at 1:00 pm.

Weather permitting, we will meet under the trees next to the Rosary Garden at the top of the east parking lot. Bring a chair or a blanket, and a small snack to share. I will provide drinks and paper products.

Check your email, including spam, for information, and please let me know if you are not getting the emails.

Our Mission: Passing on the faith and keeping prayer at the heart of family life

Contact: Nadine Blair, at 484-368-7989 or nadineann@comcast.net.

www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org



Youth Group (7-12 Gr)
Heather Shainline

Continued Service Project

We completed our laundry kit service project of the year... we made a total of 210 laundry kits! All were donated to a homeless shelter, Mary's Shelter, Birthright and Multi-Service. Thank you for all of the donations, especially the quarters! Stay tuned for our NEXT service project!

The Sunday evening 6:00 Mass will not resume in September due to waning attendance and the declining number of Priests available to fill in. Intentions that were scheduled have been rescheduled. Thank you for your understanding.

PreSchool Caitlin Nickel, Dir.

PRE-SCHOOL Registration for 2022-2023 is now OPEN!

The tuition for 2022-2023:

3-year-old program will be \$90/month and 4-year-old program will be \$110/month. \$35 Non-refundable registration fee.

This school year marks the 39th 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 or call the parish office and leave her a message.

St. Columbkille Preschool has hired 3 wonderful new teachers to join our team for the 2022-2023 school year. We are so excited to welcome such a terrific and qualified group to work with our young students. Thank you to all that applied, we truly appreciate your interest. We are going to have a great school year!



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Knights Corner

St. Columbkille Knights of Columbus All Students of the 2022-23 School Year

To all students of St. Columbkille Parish:

As the memories of Summer 2022 are now relegated to history, you may be fondly reflecting on leisurely summer activities and freedoms enjoyed but with this comes all the challenges, excitement, promise and future memories of a new school year.

The St. Columbkille Knights of Columbus wish you all a joyful and successful 2022-23 School Year!

The Ukraine Solidarity Fund total continues to climb. To date, our members and friends have donated \$18,928,336 100% of donations are being used to assist displaced persons and refugees from Ukraine.

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>

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, October 23, 2022

It's going to be a
SENSE-ational Basket Party!

That's the theme - senses: sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell.

This year's event will be a hybrid between in person and on-line. There will be limited seating (160) and the drawing will also be livestreamed on Facebook. Stay tuned for further details. Eye has not seen, ear has not heard...what the basket party committee has ready for this year's fundraiser! You won't want to miss it!



SAVE THE DATE: PA MARCH FOR LIFE!

The second annual Pennsylvania March for Life will take place on **Monday, September 19, 2022**. The rally will begin at 11:00 AM with the march to follow at 12:00 PM. Plans are also in the works to speak with our local representatives. Lifeline of Berks County and the Reading March for Life will be providing two buses for the event. The buses are open to anyone on a first come first served basis, but registration is required. Watch for registration information on the Lifeline website at www.lifelineofberks.org.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Children's Liturgy takes place during the 10:00 Mass. All children are welcome. No registration is needed. Volunteers are needed, if interested please contact Marcia Martin @BASSCL412@gmail.com or call 610-223-2484.

LAOH (Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians)

- Our next meeting will be in September in the LAOH room. We will not meet in the summer.
- Want to know more about LAOH and who we are? Please contact Kathy Varady, Berks Division 2 President, at kvarady2@gmail.com to learn more. Sláinte!



Rediscover the Love in Your marriage!

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. Upcoming weekend programs will be held August 19 - 21 and October 14 - 16 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Homebound Communion Calls: Anyone who is homebound and would like to receive Communion on a weekly basis, please call Mariane at the Parish office (610-367-2371, option 4) or email mariane.vf@stcolumbkille.org and we will coordinate a visit from a Eucharistic Minister.



The St. Francis Hospice Home in Shillington, PA is in need of additional volunteers to help provide compassionate, loving care to its residents. Please come and shadow one of our volunteers and see if you are being called to provide this blessed ministry. No medical background is required, just a willing heart. Any amount of time can help. For more information please contact Cathy Goss at 484-645-3981. Thank you and God bless you.



Come and spend an hour with the risen Lord.

"By looking at Him and adoring Him, we are saying: yes, love exists and because it exists things can change for the better and we may hope" (Pope Benedict XVI, June 14, 2009).

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 Sacrament pleases Him very much and is in itself a prayer of great faith.

Eucharistic Adoration times available:

- ♦ **Tuesdays: 3pm, 5pm**
- ♦ **Wednesdays: 12noon, 3 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm**
- ♦ **Thursdays: 9am, 1pm**

Call Mariane in the Parish office to sign up for an hour. 610-367-2371 or email marianevf@stcolumbkill.org

Photo Directories, Frames and Crosses

The parish photo directory final proof will happen in the next two weeks, and books will then be sent to print. Books should be delivered by the end of September. When we receive them, we will have tables arranged in Quinn Hall after weekend Masses, to pick up directories, frames and crosses if you ordered them. Remember, you can only get a directory if you had your photo taken by the company or you submitted a photo.

The Church Votive Candles are now available in the Priest Sacristy before and after Mass as well as in the Parish office during regular office hours.



Church Votive Candles: The company we purchase the plastic votive candles from notified us that they are no longer producing these candles. The cost from the new company has doubled in price.

To help defray the cost, ALL votive candle donations are now \$5.00 each whether glass or plastic. The candles lit for your intentions burn for the week.

(The donation for the sanctuary candle remains \$10)



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.

Canasta's BACK!

Calling all Canasta Players: Come join us the 3rd Tuesday of the month - from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Contact: Diane B. at 610-367-6534

Music Corner



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

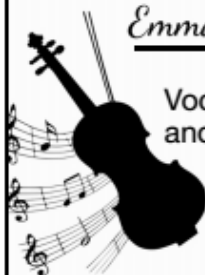
Adult Choir - It is wonderful to be back singing at Mass! With the change in the Mass schedule, the adult choir will be singing the 2nd & 4th Sundays at the 10am Mass. Our practice schedule will continue to be Sunday mornings, starting at 9am in the Ebst room. For more information contact Deb Maskrey at debm@stcolumbkill.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. YouTube 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@stcolumbkill.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

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

Emmanuel Contemporary Mass



Vocalists plus violin, viola, cello, oboe, and trumpet are needed for the 10 AM Mass on the 1st & 3rd Sundays. We rehearse on Monday nights from 7-9 PM. Contact Kathy Herber at 610.741.4546 or email: k_piano99@yahoo.com.

*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
LT Daniel Patti, USNR
CPT Joseph Patti, USA
Staff Sgt Anthony DeVito
Sgt. Billy Beuch USA
Matthew Psota
USN Petty Officer 3
Pvt. Kellie O'Brien
Andrew Fronheiser,
Lt. Air Force
Pvt. Harry Fitzpatrick



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.

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 is 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 41 years, we are reading **My Heart will Triumph** by Mirjana Soldo. We meet Saturdays at 3 pm (the Hour of Mercy) in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton room. Please email me (meganrepko@gmail.com) or Sue Fryer (sspence4@comcast.net) if you are interested so that we know to expect you!

EXCITING NEWS






FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS OF OUR PARISH

A NEW GROUP IS BEING INTRODUCED HERE AT ST. COLUMBKILL CALLED

"SENIOR CONNECTION"

AND WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF IT!

Would you like the chance to:

- ♦ **MAKE NEW FRIENDS** 
- ♦ **Have a place to socialize with other seniors on a monthly basis** 
- ♦ **Meet people with the same interests as you** 
- ♦ **Relax and enjoy the company of other seniors** 
- ♦ **JUST HAVE FUN** 




**THEN PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR INAUGURAL MEETING IN QUINN HALL ON WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14TH FROM 1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM**

**LET'S FIND OUT TOGETHER WHAT A GREAT GROUP OUR
ST. COLUMBKILL "SENIOR CONNECTION" CAN BE!**

(PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED TO ST. COLUMBKILL PARISHIONERS)

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.
"And to me, my children, give the gift of the rosary,



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

WIDOW/WIDOWER'S SUPPORT GROUP: The next "REACH OUT" session will be on August 28th at MBS' Fr. Schneider Hall at 1 PM. Those who have lost a loved one know that when the shock subsides, the pain will come to take its place. This is when the support of those who understand is most needed. 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.

Here at St. Columbkille, we have an established Cub Pack, open to girls and boys in Kindergarten through fifth grade, as well as a Scouts BSA Troop, open to boys in sixth through twelfth grade (up to age 18). 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.

Meetings are held Monday nights at the church from 7 to 8 PM for the Cub Pack, and 7 to 8:30 PM for the Troop. 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!



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.) Contact Kevin Martin at 610-310-7077 or kmartinofs@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 FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

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. Call our toll-free national hotlines: **Rachel's Vineyard: 877 HOPE 4 ME (877-467-3463)**

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@stcolumbkill.org or 610-248-2171 with questions or concerns.



Church Memorials 2023

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

IONA Memorial Fund: Enrollment of loved ones in the Iona Memorial Fund is a perpetual remembrance with Mass celebrated once a month for "Those Enrolled in the Iona Memorial Fund". Enrollment is \$25 offering.

15th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother Parish to be held on Friday, September 23, 2022 beginning at 11:00 A.M at Blackwood Golf Course, Douglassville. Held rain or shine. Cost: \$95.00 per golfer (includes Golf fees, hot dog/sauerkraut lunch, post-play banquet, refreshments throughout the day and prizes). For more information or reservations call Kathy at the Parish Office (610-326-5127) or e-mail contact@sgsm62.org.

The Boyertown Alumni Area Marching Unit will present "No Day Shall Erase You – A Time To Remember 9-11". This tribute concert will be held on Sunday September 11th at 2:00pm at the Boyertown Middle School—West. The Alumni Marching Unit is dedicating the concert to the men, women, and children who lost their lives, to the brave people who gave their lives and to the heroes who responded to the emergency. The concert will honor the area's local first responders. A free will offering will be taken at the door. All proceeds will go to our local first responders.

Ecumenical Bereavement Program-Starting Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 1:00PM
This is a six week program designed to help people better understand the process of grief and how to live through it in a way that is healing. Sisters that are certified as NACC Chaplains will facilitate this program.
This is an outreach program of Mariawald Renewal Center in Shillington. Call Mariawald Renewal Center at 610-777-0135 or email to: mariawaldcenter@gmail.com to register by September 28th.



Local Safe Environment Coordinator Liza Mendez: lizam@stcolumbkill.org

If you need to complete the Protecting God's Children, it is now being offered online at a self-paced option in addition to Zoom and In-person where available. Visit the Diocesan website at: <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/youth-protection/protecting-gods-children> for more information and <https://www.allentowndiocese.org/calendar?tid=21> for a calendar of upcoming programs being offered.

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"We are a Catholic community drawing people to follow Jesus and His message of love"