St. Columbkill Parish

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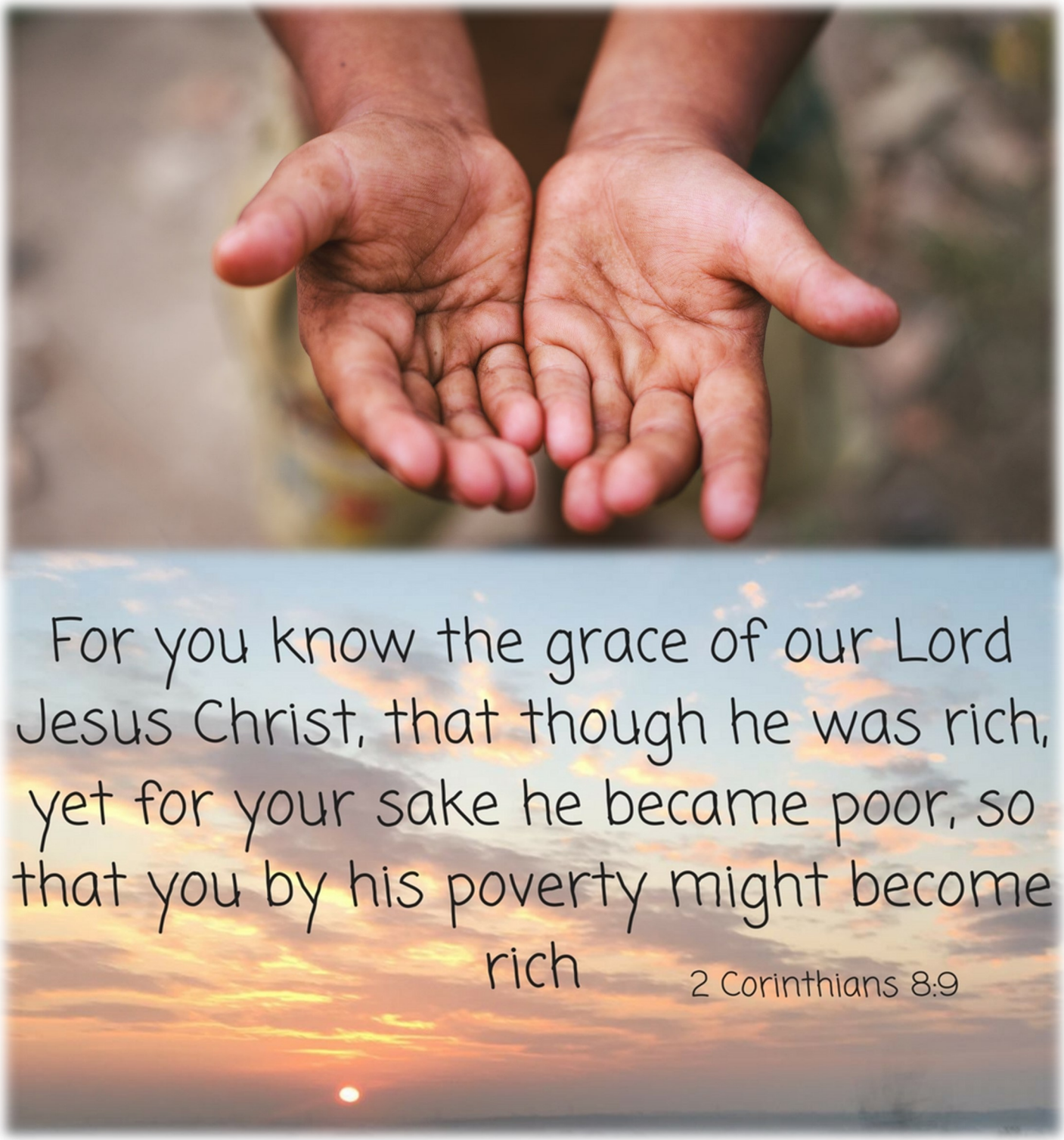

18 September 2022~ The twenty-Fifth week in ordinary time

Saint Columbkill Office

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

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

Deacons:
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Parish Staff

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Liza Mendez~ lizam@stcolumbkill.org
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
Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer

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.stcolumbkill.org or call the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

Mon. Sep. 19: St. Januarius
9:00 AM Janet Worthington by Bob & Christie Zimmerman
Tue. Sep. 20: SS. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang
7:00 PM: Thomas Fenningham by Carl & Loretta Lawlor
Weds. Sep. 21: St. Matthew
9:00 AM Matthew Crawford by Marion Zielinski
Thu Sep. 22: Twenty-fifth week in ordinary time
7:00 PM Rose Kantz by Mike & Linda Lineman
Fri. Sep. 23: St. Pius of Pietrelcina
9:00 AM Denise Himmelreich by Diane & Gene Bartolomeo

Sat Sep. 24: Vigil Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
5:00 PM Catherine & Edward Greway
by Ralph & Margie Schellinger

Sun. Sep. 25: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Francis Gerald Kane by the Wysocki Family
10:00 AM Tony Koch by Dan Holzman Family & for
Paul Appleton Jr. by the PREP Catechists

Please Pray for our Recently Deceased Parishioners & Family of Parishioners

Nadine Leid,
Sister-in-law of Albert and Linda DeStefano

Today's Readings

Reading I: Amos 8: 4-7
The prophet condemns the hypocrites who only observe the sabbath by not working on the day of the new moon, but quickly plot to cheat the poor people by their clever use of various weights.

Reading II: I Timothy 2: 1-8
Paul urges the community to pray for the emperor and other civil authorities to prove to their critics that they are not anti-government. The one true God desires that all human beings be saved.

The Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13, or 16: 10-13
The shrewd steward here is an embezzler who uses his soon to be lost position to prepare for his future. He is an example of how people who live by the present day culture at least have enthusiasm for their work. Jesus contrasts this with the dull response to God's kingdom by some of His own disciples, the so-called "sons of light."

Sanctuary Memorials

The Sanctuary Candle will burn
In Loving Memory of Lawrence Klopfle, Jr.
by Sandra & Robert Eidle
The Bread and Wine are offered
In Loving Memory of Lawrence Klopfle, Jr.
by Sandra & Robert Eidle

Readings for the Week

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Healing Mass

Please join us for a special evening on Sunday, October 23rd here at Saint Columbkill. Praise & Worship music begins at 6:30 pm, Mass, Benediction and healing service will begin at 7pm. Our celebrant will be Rev. George Winne. Please spread the word. We hope you can join us for this uplifting and solemn service.

HEALING MASS

Celebrant Schedule

<u>September 25</u> Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	5:00 PM	Fr. Rich Clement
Sunday	8:00 AM	Fr. Rich Clement
	10:00 AM	Fr. Rich Clement

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 September 19	Tuesday September 20	Wednesday September 21	Thursday September 22	Friday September 23	Saturday September 24	Sunday September 25
9 am Mass 9:30am Flame of Love 12pm OA 5:30pm AA Meeting 7pm Scouts Troop 545 7pm Cub Scouts 7pm Rosary Group 7pm Girl Scouts 7pm Emmanuel	1pm Canasta Club 6pm Knights of Columbus mtg. **7 pm MASS**	**9am MASS** 4pm PREP 5:30pm PREP 6pm Sharing Christ 7 pm Charismatic Prayer Mtg.	9:30 am Bible Study 6pm Confirmation Class (TOB) **7 PM MASS**	**9 am MASS**	9 am Patriotic Rosary Rosary for Vocations Children's Rosary-Zoom 9am Indian Springs mtg. 3pm Medjugorje Prayer Mtg. 4pm Confessions **5 PM VIGIL MASS** **Youth Group Mum sales** **Popcorn sales**	**8 am - Mass** 9am Choir practice 9:15 Sunday Rosary **10 am—Mass (Hearing Impaired)** 1pm Grandparents Assoc. **Youth Group Mum Sales** **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: Facilities Faith Lift II

"Proof of Love is Deed!" Catherine McAuley

FY 21-22 Fiscal Year - Income/Expense Report July 2021- through June 2022	
Total Operating Income	$956,092.00
Total Operating Expenses	$807,403.00
Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	$148,689.00

MONTHLY COLLECTION
Fiscal Year July 2022 to June 2023
Month: August 2022

Last August 2021 (5 weeks)	This August 2022 (5 weeks)
$57,896.75	$54,948.25
Includes Online: $22,359.75	Includes Online: $23,546.75

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 $121,153.60 to date for both Chiller and Boiler

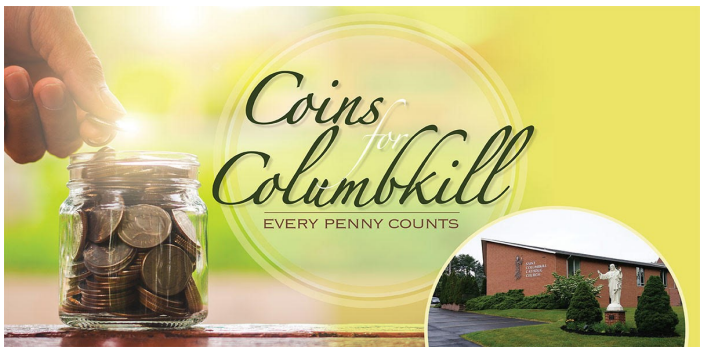
Our boiler was replaced last Fall at a cost of $70,000.

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

Our parish religious education classes begin this Wed., Sept. 21 with sessions at 4 and 5:30pm. We are blessed with catechists who continue to volunteer their time and share their faith with our young people: Ashley Doyle, Sue Fryer, Patti Kemp, Maryellen Kirch, Anne McClelland, JoAnn Recke, Elizabeth Roberge, Diane Sharpe, Denise Stull, Betsy Sutton, Joan Weber and Erin Wydrzynski.

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at Most Blessed Sacrament, Bally on October 4th.

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.

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

Catholic Grandparents Association News

Meeting: Sunday 9/25 at 1pm

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

Saint Francis Academy News:

St. Francis Academy is seeking out lunch volunteers from 12-1, Monday-Friday so that our hard working teachers can get a break during their day. All volunteers must have all Diocesan required clearances. Contact Cheryl Howald at chowald@mbsbally.org or 610-845-7364 if you are interested in helping.

Attention all Armed Services Veterans! St Francis Academy is seeking veterans to volunteer to put our American flag up each school day before 8 am and then take it down each day after the students leave at 3 pm. Traditionally, this was an honor for our 7th and 8th grade student council. Please contact Cheryl Howald if you are interested in helping us show our patriotism and love for our country. Email: chowald@mbsbally.org or call 610-845-7364.

Youth Group (7-12 Gr)
Heather Shainline

Mum Fundraiser: Our annual Mum fundraiser is here! There will be extras available for purchase at pick up on 9/24 and 9/25 after all Masses. Any questions, please contact Heather Shainline at youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org.

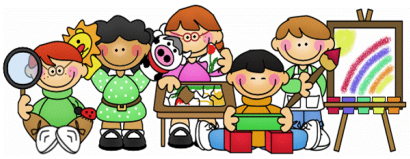
The Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to create *their beautiful prayer shawls.* Please be assured that they are made with the utmost care and prayer, and are ready to be presented for those in need. To request a shawl please call Judy at 610-367-0945 or contact the Church office.

PreSchool Caitlin Nickel, Dir.

The tuition for 2022-2023: 3-year-old program is $90/month and 4-year-old program is $110/month. $35 Non-refundable registration fee.

This school year marks the 39th year that St. Columbkill 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://stcolumbkill.org/preschool.** For more information contact our Director, Caitlin Nickel at: **preschool@stcolumbkill.org** or call the parish office and leave her a message.

St. Columbkill 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!



Serran Prayer for Vocations O God, who wills not the death of sinner but rather that he be converted and live, grant we beseech you, through the intercession of the Blessed Mary ever Virgin, St. Joseph her spouse, St. Junipero Serra and all the saints, an increase of laborers for your Church, fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Knights Corner

It's that time of the year again! Yes folks, the famous St. Columbkill Knights of Columbus Sunday Breakfasts will begin in just a few short weeks! The 1st one of the season is Sunday October 9th.

Also: The great annual Trivia Knight event is coming November 12th! Mark your calendars, gather your teams and start studying your encyclopedias! What is an encyclopedia you may ask? Maybe that will be a trivia question…

The Ukraine Solidarity Fund donation total has risen to $19,046,382. 100% of donations are being used to assist displaced persons and refugees from Ukraine.

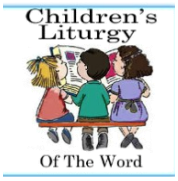
We always welcome new Knights to join us. If you would like to learn more about or sign-up with our Knights of Columbus Council #16544, just talk to any St. Columbkill Knight or visit our website: https://kofc16544.org

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!

Early bird baskets due by October 9th!

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)

- 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. Slàinte!

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 (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, ext 107) or email marianevf@stcolumbkill.org and we will coordinate a visit from a Eucharistic Minister.

Communion for the Homebound

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, 3pm, 5pm**

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

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.

Human Concerns

"Helping our Neighbors"

Human Concerns Ministry is sponsoring the annual Coat Drive and adding a Kids Shoe Drive the weekend of October 22 & 23 (please do not bring before October 22). All sizes of new or gently used outerwear will be accepted, as well as a special need this year, which is all sizes of kids' shoes, sneakers, and boots. Please search your closets for clean, usable items that you won't need and would be beneficial to your neighbors. The coats and shoes will be donated to the Community Clothing Rack at St. Luke's Church in Gilbertsville for distribution to families in the Boyertown, Gilbertsville, and surrounding areas.

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

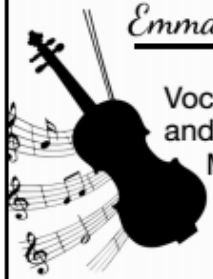
IGNITE - the youth/young adults of our parish sing more contemporary music. Contact Carolyn Quinn at carolynsings4@gmail.com.

Adult Choir - Practice begins September 11th. 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 Ehst 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. 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@stcolumbkill.org with questions or more information.

Children's choir practice will be starting again soon! 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



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

CRS Spotlight:

Catholic Relief Services calls for international action following a warning issued from the United Nations that famine will occur in Somalia later this year unless the international community provides more humanitarian support. Parts of Somalia are projected to face famine between October through December in the absence of a significant increase in humanitarian assistance. It's estimated about 7.1 million need emergency aid, half of them children. In the meantime, families are taking desperate measures to stay alive, like selling off everything they own or leaving their homes to search for food and water. The scarcity of resources and rise in costs have led to heightened conflict and instability.
"The purpose of a famine declaration is to call the international community into extraordinary action. Unfortunately, by the time famine is declared, it is already too late for many," said Sean Callahan, CRS's president & CEO. "With this warning, there is time to save lives. The international community must meet the immediate needs on the ground while also doing a better job at preventing famine in the first place. We can address the myriad causes of food insecurity, like conflict and climate change. With the climate crisis worsening by the day, complacency is not an option." Visit www.crs.org for more information!

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. Columbkill 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.

Medjugorie 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!

Senior Citizens of our Parish

You are invited to be a member of our group here at St. Columbkill called "Senior Connection".

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**

Please join us at our monthly gatherings in Quinn Hall every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.
Find out what a GREAT group our St. Columbkill "Senior Connection" is!!
(Participation is limited to St. Columbkill Parishioners)
Contact: Ginny S. at 484-802-9916

*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

"Growing Older Gracefully" a weekend reflection
– September 23-25, 2022
Sr. Ethelyn Tucker, CPS who has been a spiritual and retreat director with over 50 years of experience will be the presenter. In this program Sr. Ethelyn will guide you and help you to explore, reflect, and discuss life's journey of growing older and ponder on what God might be calling you to.
To register before September 19, 2022 call Mariawald Renewal Center at 610-777-0135 or email: mariawaldcenter@gmail.com

Here at St. Columbkill, 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. Columbkill 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)**

R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults: There will be an information session about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA on Thursday September 29th at 7 PM in the St. Elizabeth Seton meeting room. 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@stcolumbkill.org or 610-248-2171 with questions or for more information.

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.

"Free Bus to the PA March for LIFE

Lifeline of Berks County and the Reading March for LIFE are teaming up to provide free bus transportation to the PA March for LIFE in Harrisburg on September 19, 2022. The bus will be leaving from St. Benedict's picnic grounds (parking at the picnic grounds-not the church) at 8:30 AM and should return no later than 4:30 PM. The bus is FREE but registration is required. Please visit Lifeline's website at www.lifelineofberks.org and click on the Get Connected page to register. Roe is overturned, but that means that the real work of protecting women from the devastation of abortion is just beginning."

Villa Maria Academy High School Fall Events

Join us on Sunday, October 2nd, from 9am-12pm for our annual fall Open House for 7th and 8th Grade students and their families. Villa Maria Academy High School has been educating and empowering young women for 150 years. Learn about how your daughter can become unstoppable at Villa through our challenging academic curriculum while growing in faith through our IHM Charism of love, creative hope, and fidelity. Families will attend an information session followed by a student led tour. To register for Open House, 8th Grade Entrance-Scholarship Exam, or 8th Grade Visit Villa Days please visit vmahs.org/events.

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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Parish Mission Statement

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