St. Columbkill Parish

200 Indian Spring Rd., Boyertown, PA 19512
Phone: 610-367-2371 ~ Fax: 610-369-0242
stcolumbkill.org ~ www.allentowndiocese.org

The Solemnity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

News from the Soup Kitchen

"The soup kitchen was a huge success last weekend, a great time, a great group of volunteers and good weather! "

Sixteen volunteers from St. Columbkill Parish were able to serve 240 meals, hand out 100 personal hygiene bags and 100 snack bags! Many thanks to Jesse & Andrea Plavcan for orchestrating this endeavor from soup to nuts. Keep in mind St . Columbkill has volunteered to serve at the soup kitchen twice a year with the next date in June of 2023. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Jesse at jplavcan1@gmail.com for more information.

Saint Columbkill Office

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

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

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

Deacons:
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Joseph Petrauskas: dcnjoepet2015@stcolumbkill.org

Parish Staff

Director of Music: *Deb Maskrey*-debm@stcolumbkill.org
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Parish Office parishoffice@stcolumbkill.org
Local Safe Environment Coordinator:
Liza Mendez~ lizam@stcolumbkill.org
Director of Pre-School: *Caitlin Nickel*,
preschool@stcolumbkill.org

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. Nov. 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 AM Antonina Mannino by Maria Lafata & Rosalia Gallina

7:00 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Tue. Nov. 22: St. Cecilia
7:00 PM Margaret Hendrie by Russ & Kim Davis

Weds. Nov. 23: St. Clement / St. Columban
9:00 AM Margaret Waldron by Carl & Loretta Lawlor

Weds: Thanksgiving Mass: 7:00 PM Tom & Mary Soper by their family on their anniversary

Thu. Nov. 24: St. Andrew Dung-Lac & companions
~~**7:00 PM**~~ No Mass

Fri. Nov. 25: St. Catherine of Alexandria
~~**9:00 AM**~~ No Mass

Sat Nov. 26: First Sunday of Advent
5:00 PM Edgar Palmer, Nancy & Charles Thomas by Georgia Marabella

Sun. Nov. 27: First Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM John Manske by Angie & Harry Kingerski
10:00 AM Marcus Bernhard by Larry & Mary Alice Bernhard and For Richard Holzman by Ken & Carol Reber

Join us for a special rosary on Sunday, November 20 at 7:30 pm in our chapel. This rosary will be led by Jose DeSantiago, a friend we met in Medjugorje. All are welcome!! Please contact Megan Repko (610.310.5661) for more information.

Lectors, please pick up your Work-book for Lectors 2023-Cycle A in the sacristy after Mass.

Celebrant Schedule

November 27 The First Sunday of Advent

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 Great Aunt Helen Ondo
by Ryan & Brent Holzman

The Bread and Wine are offered
In Loving Memory of Theresa DeFelice
by the Deery Family

Today's Readings

Reading I: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3
David is hailed as king of all the tribes, and then he is anointed. A singular event in Israel's history.

Reading II: Colossians 1: 12-20
This section contains an introduction, followed by the lyrics of an ancient Christian hymn. The cross of Christ leads us away from the power of darkness to the kingdom of light.

The Gospel: Luke 23: 35-43
Note the downward trek of Our Lord's detractors. First, there are the religious leaders; then soldiers, and finally one of the two criminals flanking the central cross.

Readings for the Week

Mon: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tues: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Lk 21:5-11
Weds: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9; Lk 21:12-19
Thurs: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Fri: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Sat: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sun: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

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 November 21	Tuesday November 22	Wednesday November 23	Thursday November 24	Friday November 25	Saturday November 26	Sunday November 27
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 ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE	**7 pm Mass**	**9am Mass** ~~4pm PREP~~ ~~5:30pm PREP~~ **7 pm Thanksgiving Mass** 7 pm Charismatic Prayer Mtg.	**HAPPY THANKSGIVING** **No Mass** **Parish Center Closed**	**HAPPY THANKSGIVING** **No Mass** **Parish Center Closed**	9 am Patriotic Rosary Rosary for Vocations Children's Rosary-Zoom 3pm Medjugorje Prayer Mtg. 4pm Confessions **5 PM VIGIL MASS** **Love Lights** **Warming Tree**	**8 am - Mass** 9am Choir practice 9:15 Sunday Rosary 9:15 Children's Choir **10 am—Mass (Hearing Impaired)** **Love Lights**

Stewardship

Poverty Relief Fund Collection: The Poverty Relief Fund Collection will be taken up on **November 19-20**. Your generosity helps those who are in need locally in the Diocese of Allentown. The 2021 Poverty Relief Collection funded 24 projects across five counties.

Chosen, Blessed, Shared: Please Support the Annual Fund for Retired and Infirmed Priests of the Diocese of Allentown

Please take advantage of the opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. You will be receiving a request letter in the mail within the next few days. You may return your gift in the mail or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

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.

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.

Catholic Grandparents Association

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

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

FY 21-22 Fiscal Year - Income/Expense Report July 2022 through Sept 2022-First Quarter	
Total Operating Income	$199,720.50
Total Operating Expenses	$183,518.00
Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	$16,202.50

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

Last Oct. 2021 (4 weeks)	This Oct. 2022 (5 weeks)
$49,235.49	$53,695.75
Includes Online: $20,884.75	Includes Online: $19,589.75

Thank you for your generous contributions to the World Mission Sunday: $1804.50

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 $121,293.61 to date for both Chiller and Boiler

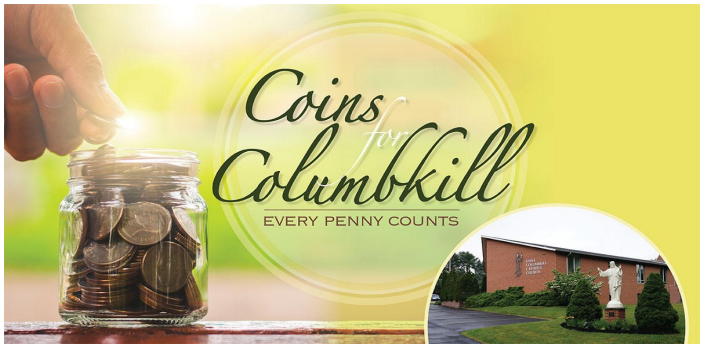
Our boiler was replaced last Fall at a cost of $70,000.

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 $ 1210.15 !

Parish News

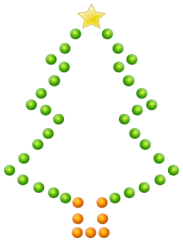
Religious Education-PREP
Denise Stull, Director

The Diocese of Allentown has given us a new safe environment training for our students. It is called Circle of Grace. The philosophy of the program teaches that we recognize God's love by helping them understand that each of us lives and moves in a Circle of Grace. As adults, we hold the responsibility to help young people understand and respect their own dignity and that of others. A truly safe and protective environment is one where young people recognize when they are safe or unsafe and know how to bring their concerns to the trusted adults in their lives.

- There will be no PREP classes on Wednesday, November 23.

Human Concerns

The Human Concerns Ministry is again sponsoring the annual "Warming Tree" November 26 through December 11. You may help to keep our neighbors warm this winter by bringing new, unwrapped gifts to put on or under the tree in the Narthex. The items will be distributed to area families in need through the Boyertown Area Multi-Service. Suggested items include baby sleepers, pajamas, mittens, gloves, socks, blankets, sweatshirts, sweatpants, or other warm clothing. Thank you for sharing your love with your neighbor!



Basket Party Thank You

It's a Wrap! Thanks to all who so generously supported this year's Basket Party. It truly was SENSE-ational, just as expected! Wait till you hear this! We raised over $8,854.00 to benefit our building fund.

This is a major annual fundraiser for our parish and we could not have done it without the help of many, including the individuals and businesses that generously donated such tasteful baskets and those who participated by attending the party and/or buying tickets. Thanks also to Fr. Rich and the entire church staff for their assistance in seeing this event through to its success! Our gratitude extends to the kitchen staff as well and all who volunteered in any way. We extend a very special, heartfelt thanks to Brenda Fronheiser for chairing the basket party committee once again. She is a tremendous blessing to our parish, with her creativity, hard work and attention to every detail! Just SENSE-ational results!

Youth Group (7-12 Gr)
Heather Shainline

Poinsettia Sale: The Youth Group is selling poinsettias, wooden log and welcome planters from Blue Mountain Farms in New Ringgold, PA. Orders are due by Sunday, November 20th. Extras will be available at pickup after all Masses on December 10th and 11th. An online order form was sent out via flocknote. Any questions, contact Heather Shainline.

Festival of Trees: This year, our theme for the tree is "Youth Group Warms the Soul". We are in need of the following "warm/cozy" decorations for the tree: fuzzy socks, hats, gloves, scarves, blankets, hot chocolate packets, Dunkin/Starbucks gift cards. Please turn all donations into the office labeled "Festival of Trees-Heather Shainline". Donations are needed by November 27th.

Teens: we need your help to DECORATE on Tuesday, November 29th from 6-6:45pm at Boyertown Multi-Service. This can count for service hours. Please sign up with Heather - youthgroup@stcolumbkill.org

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.

If you are homebound and would like a recording of the Sunday Mass, please let us know.

Communion for the Homebound

PreSchool Caitlin Nickel, Dir.

Preschool Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Thank you for your support of the St. Columbkill Preschool fundraiser. **All orders will be available for pickup on 11/22 from 11:00am-12:00pm and 4:00-5:00pm at the church.** Please email preschool@stcolumbkill.org with any questions. Thank you for your support of our school!

Hearts Come Home at Christmas: Mon. 12-5-22, 7-9pm, a Life after Loss seminar. St. Catharines's Reading, PA Email judyacameron@comcast.net to register. Life After Loss Classes are having a Sunday Afternoon of Reflection on 1-22-23.
Email judyacameron@comcast.net for details and to register.

Knights Corner

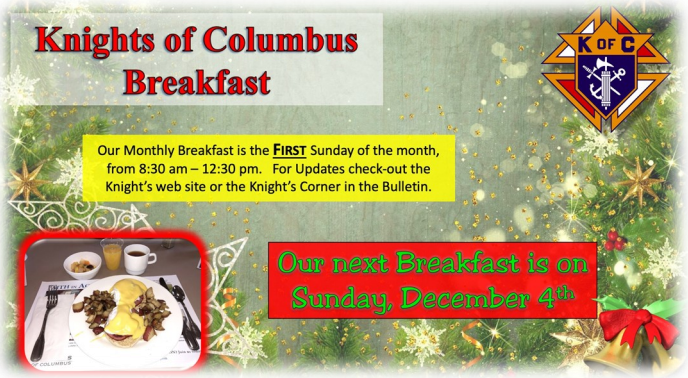
Thank You to everyone who enjoyed the Knights Breakfast Sunday, Nov. 6th. We appreciate your continued support. The next Knights Breakfast is Dec. 4th, see ad for details.

Also, we offer a sincere Thank You to all who participated in our 2022 Knights Trivia Knight! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! The event was a resounding success and we hope to see you again next year!

The Knights of St. Columbkill Council #16544 wish all of our St. Columbkill Parish family a warm and safe Thanksgiving!

Thank You to all who contributed to the Rose Drive on Respect Life Sunday. All of your donations will go to Pro-Life charities to help vulnerable mothers and to save the lives of their babies.

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



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

LOVE LIGHTS

The Human Concerns Ministry will be selling "Love Lights" after all Masses November 26 through December 11 for $4.00 each. Love Lights may be purchased "In Memory of a Special Loved One" or "In Honor of Someone Special." The love light dove is placed on the tree in the Narthex from the fourth Sunday of Advent through Epiphany Sunday. The person purchasing the Love Light receives a beautiful Christmas card that may be sent to the person they are honoring or shared with others commemorating the memory of their loved one. Proceeds from the love light sales will benefit the John Paul II Center for Special Learning.

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 Annual Bake Sale will be held on 11/19 and 11/20. Come grab some tasty desserts and treats for your Thanksgiving dinner! All proceeds benefit the good works of the LOAH. Sisters- please consider making baked goods for our sale.
- Our Christmas Party will be at the Bally Hotel on December 4th. Please let Jean Schlegel know if you plan to attend.
- 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!

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.

HelpOurMarriage.org
RETROUVAILLE
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. . For more information, or to register, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

St. John's Lutheran Church is sponsoring a performance of Handel's Messiah with the Reading Choral Society, 19 piece orchestra & the 45 member Boyertown High School Select Choir. The Christmas portion of the Messiah will be performed at the Boyertown High School auditorium on December 4th at 4:00 p.m. Tickets will be available for sale: $15 for adults and $10 for students. Tickets are also available online at readingchoral.org or through St. John's at 610-369-1024 or stjohnsboyertown.org

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: 1pm,5pm**
- **Wednesdays: 12 noon, 3pm, 4pm**
- **Thursdays: 9 am, 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.

Parishioners who had their photos taken for the Directory, please remember to pick up your Parish Photo Directory in the office during business hours:
Monday—Friday 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

St. Columbkill Children's Choir has begun !

Children's Choir is open to 2nd through 6th grade children. Children will sing at the 10am Mass once a month.
Rehearsals will take place on Sunday mornings twice a month from 9:15am to 9:55am (rehearsal schedule to follow). Please contact Carolyn Quinn with any questions at carolynsings4@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.

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

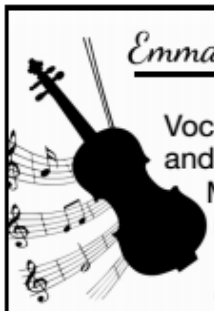
IGNITE - the youth/young adults of our parish sing more contemporary music. Contact Carolyn Quinn at carolynsings4@gmail.com.

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 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 has begun! 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
Airman Timothy 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
Andrew Fronheiser,
Lt. Air Force
Pvt. Harry Fitzpatrick
SFC Shawn Edwards

Christmas Cards for Residents of Local Facilities
The residents of our local nursing homes and assisted living facilities would love to get a Christmas card from you! Please help us to make Christmas a bit merrier for those residents by signing Christmas cards again this year. Cards will be available beginning November 5 for everyone to sign. We need several hundred total, so feel free to sign several cards or bring a few of your own religious cards to donate. The cards will be delivered to local facilities in time for Christmas and distributed by the facility staff. Any questions, please contact Kim Slonaker at kaslonaker@comcast.net.

Join Lorraine's Group on a Pilgrimage
to Lourdes, Paris & Nevers - July 22-31, 2023
$4299* from Newark (EWR)
(based on double occupancy * travel insurance not included)

Spiritual Director: *Fr. Martin F. Kern* | Group Coordinator: *Lorraine Echevarria-Hendricks*

For general information
please email lorrhendricks@yahoo.com
For All Details & to Book,
visit: www.pilgrimages.com/lorraine

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 484-802-3916

Ecumenical Service: Everyone is invited to come and join us for our annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service here at Saint Columbkill Parish on Monday, November 21 at 7pm. Members from various choirs will be participating in the combined choir. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together with our friends and neighbors to give thanks to God for all we have been given. Refreshments following the service

Thanksgiving Day Mass: Wednesday evening, November 23rd at 7.

(No Mass on Thursday, Nov. 24th or Friday the 25th. The Parish Center will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 24th and Friday November 25th.)

Best wishes for a happy, healthy Thanksgiving.

*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.*

Children's Rosary

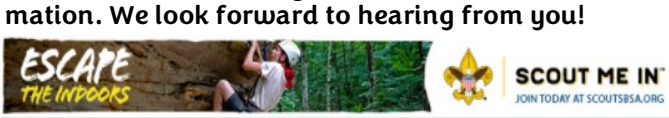
"And to me, my children, give the gift of the rosary,

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

SCOUT ME IN

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!



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: 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.

RCIA ...a journey in faith
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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.

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 / kmartinofs@gmail.com or Peg Choinski at 610-845-9272 / pegtyl@gmail.com

It is that time of year for our annual cookie sales. **Most Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus** will be making their traditional cut-out sugar cookies as well as chocolate chip cookies. Sugar cookies will go on sale starting the weekend of Nov. 5 and the chocolate chip will go on sale starting Dec. 3rd. Please contact Ben Puzauskas at 484-624-2452 or 610-367-5786 with orders or email Ben at bepuzauskas@dejazzd.com

Family Rosary: Family brings us great joy and happiness. They can also be a source of worry and concern, 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.

All volunteers at St. Columbkill Parish are required to complete clearances mandated by the Diocese of Allentown and the State of Pennsylvania. Clearance packets specific to your volunteer role can be obtained at the Parish Office or on our website (www.stcolumbkill.org) under the Safe Environment tab. Please contact Local Safe Environment Coordinator, Liza Mendez at 610-367-2371 x106 or lizam@stcolumbkill.org for more information

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Parish Mission Statement

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