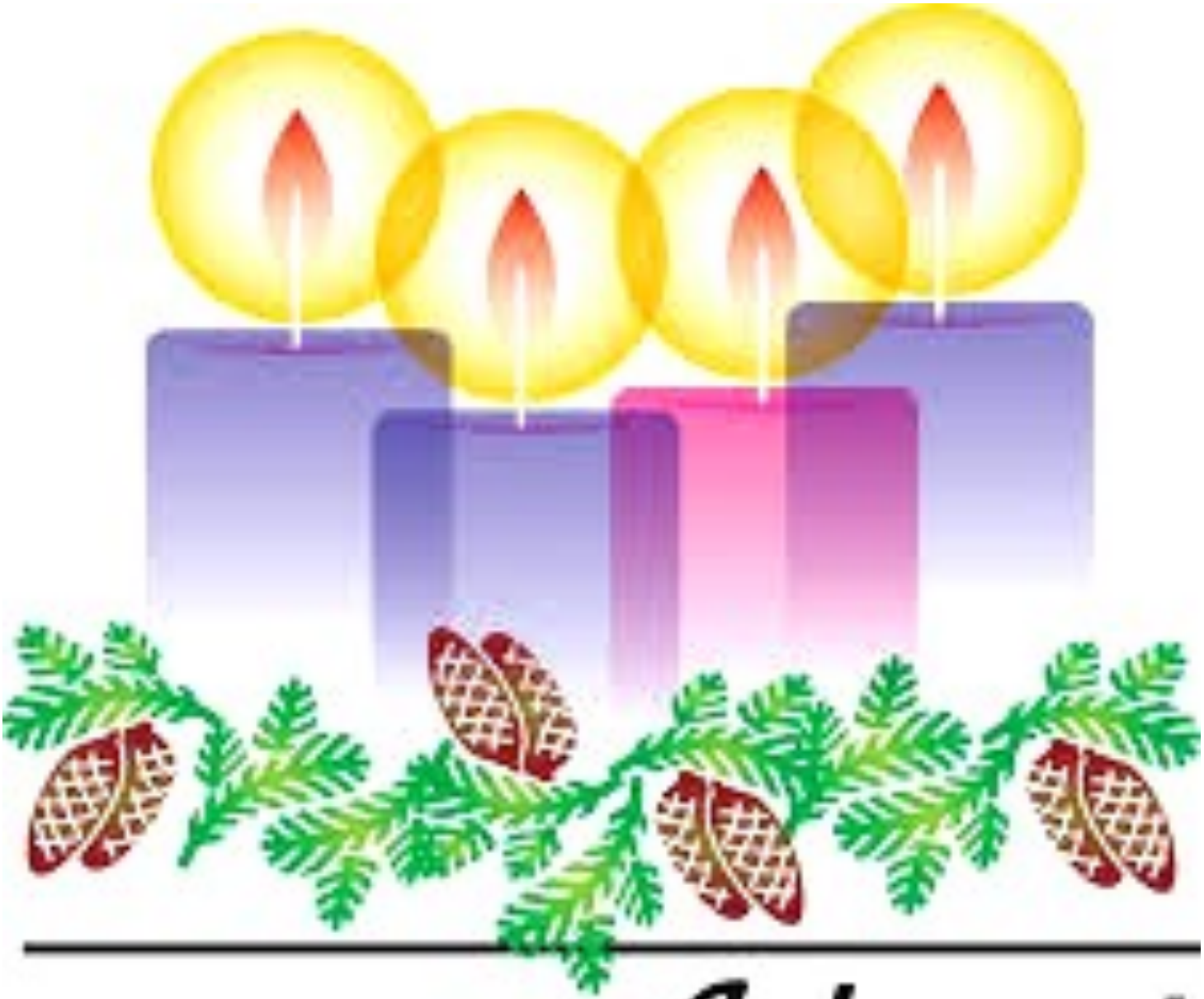
St. Columbkill Parish

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

The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel. Alleluia! Alleluia!



Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

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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 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. Dec. 19: Late Advent Weekday
9:00 AM Kathleen Grazio by Carl & Loretta Lawlor
Tue. Dec. 20: Late Advent Weekday
7:00 PM Living & Deceased of St. Columbkill
Weds. Dec. 21: Late Advent Weekday
9:00 AM Catherine Bowe by Zadroga Family
Thu. Dec. 22: Late Advent Weekday
7:00 PM Margaret Hendrie by Terri & Jim Hutchinson
Fri. Dec. 23: Late Advent Weekday
9:00 AM Marie DiCampli by May Gallagher

Sat Dec. 24: Vigil The Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Eve
4:00 PM Deceased members of the Curley & Speck Fmly (C)
4:00 PM Mary & Edgar Palmer by Georgia Marabella (QH)
7:00 PM Christmas Flower Memorials
11:00 PM Living & Deceased of St. Columbkill

Sun. Dec. 25: The Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day
10:00 AM Christmas Flower Memorials

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79
Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Celebrant Schedule

December 24/25 The Nativity of the Lord

Saturday	4:00 PM	Fr. Rich Clement (C)
	4:00 PM	Fr. Bob McConaghy (QH)
	7:00 PM	Fr. Rich Clement
	11:00 PM	Fr. Rich Clement
Sunday	10:00 AM	Fr. Rich Clement

Sanctuary Memorials

The Sanctuary Candle will burn
For a Special Intention

The Bread and Wine are offered
In Loving Memory of Michael Barron
by Gene & Nikki Rinehimer

Today's Readings

Reading I: Isaiah 7: 10-14
The Lord tells King Ahaz to ask for a sign as to whether or not Isaiah is the one to believe or his advisers. Isaiah is proven right with his announcement of the virgin conception and birth of Emmanuel.

Reading II: Romans 1: 1-7
Paul writes an introduction of himself to the Romans he is about to visit with a solemn opening. Then he presents a triple description of himself and his faith.

The Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24
Matthew's Nativity story. In keeping with his mission to the Jews, puts the spotlight on St. Joseph. The Spirit is the source of all life. Joseph's obedience is inspirational.

Congratulations

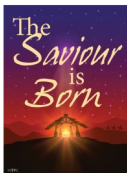
and Prayerful Best Wishes to
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Beltethon who were made one in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony on Saturday, December 4, 2022
celebrated by Fr. Marty Kern

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 December 19	Tuesday December 20	Wednesday December 21	Thursday December 22	Friday December 23	Saturday December 24	Sunday December 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 6pm K of C 6:30pm AlAnon **7 pm Mass**	**9 am Mass** ~~4pm PREP~~ ~~5:30pm PREP~~ 7pm Charismatic Prayer Group	9:30 am Bible Study 6:30pm RCIA **7 PM Mass**	**9 am Mass**	9 am Patriotic Rosary Rosary for Vocations Children's Rosary-Zoom 3pm Medjugorje Prayer Mtg. **4 PM VIGIL MASS** **4 PM VIGIL MASS** **7 PM VIGIL MASS** **11 PM VIGIL MASS**	**10 am—Mass (Hearing Impaired)** 

Parish Advent Confessions
December 18 at 7 pm

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Reconciliation

The Parish Office/Center will be closed
Monday, 26 December
for the Christmas Holiday

merry Christmas

Overeaters Anonymous (OA)- Holidays are hard times for compulsive overeaters. See OA.org to know if this spiritual, emotional and physical program is right for you. We meet Mondays at noon in the Elizabeth Ann Seton room. The only requirement to join is the 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.

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

PLEASE NOTE: There will NOT be an in-person meeting for December. Please enjoy sharing your Advent and Christmas traditions with your grandchildren. Take and share pictures to Nadine-ann@comcast.net.
The next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22nd at 1:00 pm in the Ehst room.
Contact: Nadine Blair, at 484-368-7989 or nadineann@comcast.net
.
www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Stewardship

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: November 2022

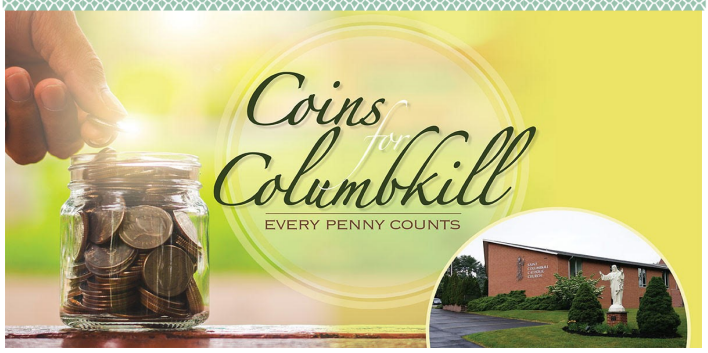
Last Nov. 2021 (4 weeks)	This Nov. 2022 (5 weeks)
$64,831.68	$65,184.25
Includes Online: $21,069.75	Includes Online: $22,587.75

Thank you for your generous support of the Poverty Relief Collection: $1,862

God bless you for your generosity.

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 $121,918.60 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 $ 1210.15 !

Religious Education–PREP
Denise Stull, Director

Thank you PREP families for your donations of peanut butter and jelly for the Kennedy House in Reading. Your participation in our Advent Project is appreciated.
There will be no PREP classes on Dec. 21st or 28th . Classes resume Jan. 4th .

GROUP OPPORTUNITIES:
- Birthday Parties
- Family Reunions
- Company Night Out
- Family Fun Nights
- Fundraising

Scan the QR Code For Discounted Phantoms Tickets!

CONTACT: RACHEL O'NEILL
GROUP EVENT SPECIALIST
LEHIGH VALLEY PHANTOMS FOR YOUR NEXT GROUP OUTING
484-273-4547

Questions? roneill@phantomshockey.com

The Family Ministry Group is sponsoring an Advent food drive. There will be a box in the Narthex to collect our food items. For each day of December, there will be a specific food item requested on the box. Feel free to follow the donation schedule or bring whatever you have at home! Items will be donated to the local food pantry at the end of the month. We hope that this activity will teach our children that the season of Advent is for giving and helping those in need.

Girl Scout cookies are coming. The Ambassador Girl Scouts will be selling cookies after all Masses the weekend of Jan 21st and 22nd. All profits from this cookie sale will be used for their June 2023 trip and their other activities.

Youth Group (7-12 Gr)

Festival of Trees: Thank you for your help decorating for the Festival of Trees! It was so fun and our tree looked great… Thank you to Megan, Christie, Skylar, Mrs. Gilbert, Grace, Eliza, Ethan, Nathan, Daniel and Mrs. Kovach! The tree had $270 of gift cards and LOTS of cozy items on it.

Poinsettia Sale: Thank you to those who helped with the Poinsettia sales and to our parishioners who purchased them!! Stay tuned for our next fundraiser... we are bringing back salsa!

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: St. Columbkill Preschool is looking to hire an aide to begin immediately. The position is during the week from 8:45 a.m. to noon. Applicants must be high school graduates and willing to fulfill all diocesan requirements and background checks. Please contact Caitlin Nickel at preschool@stcolumbkill.org (ext. 207) for more information

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

The annual Chili Cook-Off is back on this year and will be held Sat., Jan. 28, 2023 from 6 to 8 pm in Quinn Hall. Anyone interested in entering their chili, please contact Todd Bowers at tbowe@spring-ford.net or 610-960-0196. Only 20 participants will be accepted. The entrance fee of $10 will be refunded once you participate that night! Hope to see you there!

Knights Corner

Thank you to everyone who enjoyed the Knights Breakfast last Sunday.
Nearly 200 Served! Step aside McDonald's, here we come! We were also told by Santa that he was very pleased to see all the good children who visited him!

The next Knights Breakfast will be Sunday January 8th.
As always, we thank you for your support.

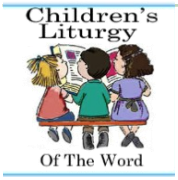
This Wednesday the 21st is of course, the winter solstice and the shortest day of the year. It is a wonderful time however as we move toward light with each day after that getting longer while we look forward to the joy of Christmas!

Annual Baby Bottle Drive!
Beginning Epiphany weekend, January 7th & 8th, the St. Columbkill Knights will be holding our annual Baby Bottle Drive to support our life initiatives including: March For Life, BirthRight and Mary's Shelter.

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.

Men's Prayer Group: I invite you to join with a group of men who come together on the first Tuesday of each month to pray together, share in a teaching that is specific to what it means to be a Catholic man in today's culture, and openly discuss ways to grow in holiness. We meet in IONA Hall (behind the EHST room downstairs in the church) from 5:45 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. No need to RSVP… just show up with an open heart and God will do the rest! *Peace! Deacon Joe Petrauskas*



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 Monday, January 2nd at 7pm in the LAOH room. We need a hostess for the meeting. Please let Kathy know if you can help. (If there is inclement weather and our meeting is canceled, you will be notified by email and our facebook page.)
- 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.

Oplatki - Christmas Wafers

Christmas wafers which are imprinted with a religious design of the Christmas season, and which are traditionally shared at the main Christmas meal, are available in the Parish Office. A small donation is requested.

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: 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.

DID YOU KNOW...QUINN HALL AND THE EHST ROOM ARE AVAILABLE TO RENT? FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT QUINN HALL COORDINATOR PATTY PETRAUSKAS PATTYP@STCOLUMBKILL.ORG

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

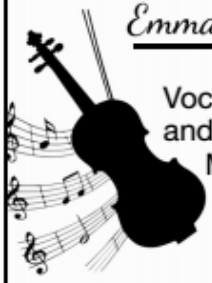
IGNITE - the youth/young adults of our parish sing more contemporary music. Contact Carolyn Quinn at carolynsings4@gmail.com.

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.

Christmas Schedule 2022

Confessions prior to Christmas /Advent Parish

Confessions: Sunday, 18 December at 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Masses

Saturday, 24 December 2022

4:00 p.m. - Church & Quinn Hall

7:00 p.m. - Church & 11:00 p.m. - Church

Christmas Day Mass

Sunday, 25 December 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Friday, 30 December 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Saturday, 31 December 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

(No confessions on Saturday– New Year's Eve)

Sunday, 1 January 2023 - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, 7 January 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8 January 2023 - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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

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
- **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

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

Our Lady of Lourdes, The Grotto, Lourdes

*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

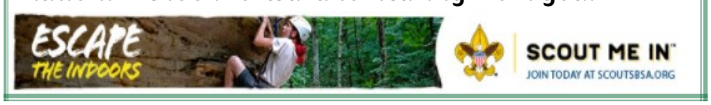
"And to me, my children, give the gift of the rosary,

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.

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.

PROMISE TO PROTECT PLEDGE TO HEAL

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"