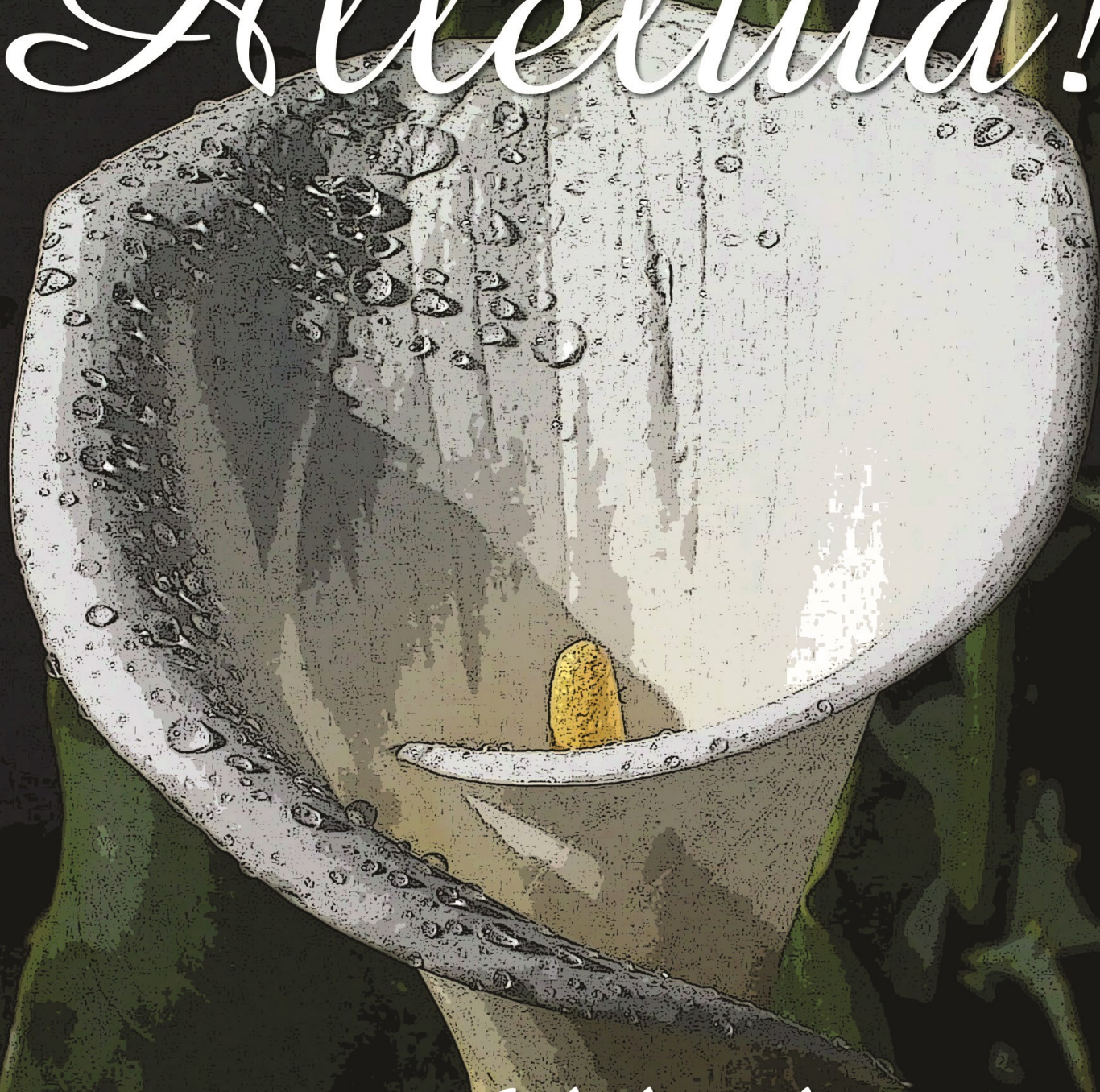


*Alleluia!*



*Alleluia!*

*Happy Easter!*



### Saint Columbkille 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@stcolumbkille.org

#### **Deacons:**

James Kochu, deaconjim2015@stcolumbkille.org  
Joseph Petruskas: dcnojoe2015@stcolumbkille.org

### Parish Staff

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

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margaretc@stcolumbkille.org 610-248-2171

**Director of Youth Ministry:** Heather Shainline,  
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**Parish Office** parishoffice@stcolumbkille.org

#### **Local Safe Environment Coordinator:**

Liza Mendez~ lizam@stcolumbkille.org

**Director of Pre-School:** Caitlin Nickel,  
preschool@stcolumbkille.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 is a safe, secure and easy way to make online Parish and Church donations. Visit [www.parishgiving.org](http://www.parishgiving.org) for more information and to sign up

## Information

### Blessed Sacrament

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

### Reconciliation (Confession)

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4:00-4:45PM or any time by contacting the Parish Office.

### Anointing of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements for anointing and Communion for the sick and dying.

### Baptism of Children

The Sacrament of Baptism is administered on the first Sunday of each month at 12 PM and the last Sunday of each month during the 10 AM Mass. (except during Lent)

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

### Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements for the Sacrament of Marriage must be made at least six months before the wedding date. All couples must participate in the Marriage Prep Program.

### Visits to Sick and Homebound

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

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

RCIA prepares adolescents and adults for Baptism and full communion in the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Margaret Chovanes at 610-248-2171.

### Religious Education (PREP)

Religious instruction for elementary school students takes place on Weds./ Thurs -Sept through May. Please contact Denise Stull for more information.

New Parishioners : New parishioners are most welcome, and are encouraged to register online at [www.stcolumbkille.org](http://www.stcolumbkille.org) or call the Parish Office.

## Mass Intentions

**MON. APR. 10: MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
 9:00 AM **No Mass**

**TUE. APR. 11: TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
 7:00 PM Joan Giles

**WEDS. APR. 12: WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
 9:00 AM Debbie Pruitt

**THU. APR. 13: THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
 7:00 PM Santo Marabella

**FRI. APR. 14: FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**  
 9:00 AM May Alvarez

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**SAT. APR. 15: VIGIL SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 DIVINE MERCY  
 5:00 PM Those Enrolled in the IONA Memorial Fund

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**SUN. APR. 16: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY**  
 8:00 AM John & Joan Giles  
 10:00 AM John Weidenhammer

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## Today's Readings

### Reading I: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

St. Peter's sermon amounts to a summary of Jesus' earthly life, followed by the definite proclamation that "this man God raised on the third day." He will be the judge of everyone.

### Reading II: Colossians 3: 1-4

St. Paul's reference to Christ as "seated at the right hand of God" was often used in the early church to point out how the Old Testament promises about the coming Messiah had been fulfilled.

### The Gospel: John 20: 1-9

John not only describes here the miracle of "the first day of the week" but also insists that Jesus "had to rise from the dead." The very core of our faith.

## Celebrant Schedule

**April 15 /16 Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy**

**Saturday 5:00 PM Fr. Rich Clement**

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

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

## Sanctuary Memorials



The Sanctuary Candle will burn  
*In Loving Memory of our loving mother, Emma Nailon*

The Bread & Wine are offered  
*In Loving Memory of Shawna Northrup*



The Flower arrangements are  
*In Loving Memory of Easter Flower Memorials*



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

**Josephine Guerre-Chaley**



The Parish Center/Office are closed for the  
 Easter Monday Holiday

## Weekday Readings

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

## Extended Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### Hours of Adoration in our Holy Family Chapel

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. to Midnight  
 Wednesdays Midnight to Midnight  
 Thursdays Midnight to Midnight  
 Fridays Midnight to 6:00 p.m.

Monday April 10	Tuesday April 11	Wednesday April 12	Thursday April 13	Friday April 14	Saturday April 15	Sunday April 16
<b>No Mass</b>		9am Mass	9:30 am Bible Study	9 am Mass	9 am Patriotic Rosary Rosary for Vocations Children's Rosary-Zoom	<b>8 am-Mass</b> <b>10 am—Mass</b> <b>(Hearing Impaired)</b>
<b>Parish Center / Office Closed</b>	6pm JWCB mtg. 6pm Scouts 6:30pm AIAnon	1pm Senior Connection 4pm PREP 5:30pm PREP	6:30pm RCIA		3pm Medjugorje Prayer Mtg.	9am Choir practice 9:15am Children's Choir 9:15am Sunday Rosary
	7 pm Mass	7pm Indian Springs 7pm Charismatic Prayer group	7 PM Mass 7:30pm Fundraising Mtg.		4 pm Confessions <b>5 pm Vigil Mass</b>	11am Family Ministry Brunch

Welcome to our visitors  
and those who have been away!

I am the *Light* of the world.

Whoever follows me will  
never walk in *Darkness*.

Happy Easter!  
We hope to see you again soon.



### Mass Times:

5 pm Vigil - Saturday  
8 am & 10 am - Sunday

### Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet Pamphlets

The Divine Mercy Prayer Ministry provided the Divine Mercy Novena pamphlets with the hope that you might be encouraged to pray this 9 day Novena. The Novena begins on Good Friday and culminates on Saturday, April 15. The very next day is the great feast of Divine Mercy Sunday! For each day of the Novena the powerful Chaplet of Mercy is prayed for a special intention dictated by our Lord to St. Faustina, the Messenger of Mercy. If you would like to learn more about the Divine Mercy Ministry, come see us in Quinn Hall after each Mass on the weekend of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 15 and 16.

### Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child

**April 9 - Week 11** - I now have fingers and toes and am starting to get fingernails, toenails, and hair. Why is my head so much bigger than the rest of me? Maybe I am going to be a very big person. I'm not sure what decision my mom will make about my future, but she is following her doctor's recommendations by drinking a lot of water, so we are seeing a lot of the bathroom lately.



*"Jesus, Mary and Joseph. I love you very much.  
I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that  
I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."*

**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 Petrasukas  
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## Stewardship

FY 22-23 Fiscal Year - Income/Expense Report

July 2022 through Dec 2022-Half Year

Total Operating Income	\$449,580.00
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Total Operating Expenses	\$369,603.00
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Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	\$79,977.00
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### - MONTHLY COLLECTION

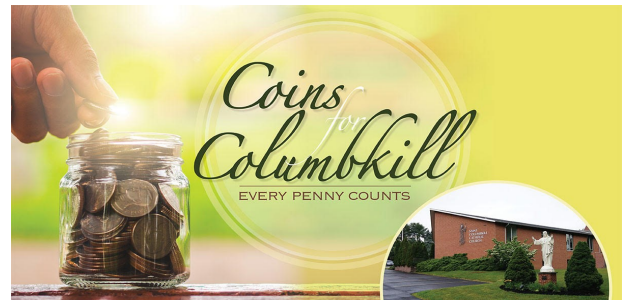
Fiscal Year July 2022 to June 2023

Month: February 2023

Last Feb. 2022 (4 weeks)	This Feb. 2023 (4 weeks)
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\$49,986.75	\$48,357.25
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Includes Online: \$21,299.75	Includes Online: \$19,933.75
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Coins for Columbkille benefits our Building Fund for future capital needs of the parish.  
Total collected to date is \$ 1,895.15!

### RAISERIGHT gift card program:

- A Parish representative will be available after all Masses to sell gift cards to Giant, Redners & Weis.
- Orders can be handed in at this time as well. Order forms are available online at <https://stcolumbkille.org/raise-right-scrip> or pick one up in the parish office.
- Complete the order form and hand it in with the appropriate amount of cash or a check payable to "Saint Columbkille Church" to the gift card sales table after Masses any week.
- All orders received in a month by the last Sunday in that month will be available for pick-up on the 2nd Sunday of the following month. (Please note that the rates listed are the base rebate amount, but they could be higher based on promotional programs that are constantly changing. Please note that cards rarely may be temporarily unavailable, if this is the case you will be notified.)
- Email [raiserrightcoord@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:raiserrightcoord@stcolumbkille.org) with any questions.



RaiseRight



**Religious Education—PREP**  
**Denise Stull, Director**

As our level 7 class continues to prepare for Confirmation this fall, another student shares her understanding of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

"The Holy Spirit helps us see and hear with eyes and ears of faith. We start to look at things and conduct ourselves differently than those with no faith. The Holy Spirit helps us to want to be a good Catholic."

**Vacation Bible School**

**Time to Register for  
VBS 2023  
Marvelous Mystery!  
June 26-30**



**CRS Spotlight**

**Happy Easter!**

Our CRS Rice bowl journey has ended, but our prayers, fasting and almsgiving continue as we seek a closer relationship with God and our global family. Let us hold in our hearts our sisters and brothers in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya and commit to share our Easter joy with people in our local community and around the world. Don't forget to run in your CRS Rice Bowl at St. Columbkille's or donate online at [crs-ricebowl.org/donate](http://crs-ricebowl.org/donate).

**ATTIC TREASURES IS  
AROUND THE CORNER!**

As you're doing your Spring Cleaning keep in mind that Attic Treasures will be held the week-end of April 28-30, 2023.

Drop off clean and useable items  
**ONLY** on Monday April 23 & Tuesday April 24  
from 8:00 AM – 7 PM

**No clothing or electronics will be accepted!**

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

**Next Youth Group meeting:** Sunday, April 23rd from 11-1pm.

Lunch will be provided. All 6th-12th graders are invited to attend! Bring a friend! Theme is Easter!



**Holy Week Mission-** Thank you to all parishioners who donated to our annual Holy Week Mission! We are able to continue our HWM because of your support. Happy Easter!

**Coming up...**

WONDER Retreat (young women's retreat)- Saturday, May 27th

**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 [mariane.vf@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:mariane.vf@stcolumbkille.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.



**Boyetown Alumni Marching Unit Spring Concert** to be held on Saturday, April 29, 2023 with a **New Time** of 3 PM and **New Location** at Boyetown Middle School West in the Donald J. Kuszyk Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at the doors. We hope you can attend.

**Pre-School-Caitlin Nickels**

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN! STUDENTS MUST BE REGISTERED BEFORE YOU CAN PAY TUITION.**

REGISTERING your child (children) for the upcoming school year. - Visit our website [www.stcolumbkille.org/preschool](http://www.stcolumbkille.org/preschool) or at the Parish Office. \$40 non-refundable registration fee.

**TUITION:** Should you choose to pay the tuition for the year in full on or before September 1, 2023 you receive a \$50 reduced rate. You can also choose to pay tuition monthly.



# Congratulations

Luca Beidler	Callie Parfitt
Benjamin Berger	Richard Quintrell, Jr.
Michael Biehl	Madalynn Reider
Sky Biehl	Juliana Rexroth
Lily Dancer	Zoey Rowan
Olivia Do	Eli Ruch
Gwendolyn Durand	Maggie Schreiner
Juliette Fosko	Jace Turney
Benjamin Frecon	Georgianna Vey
Henry Lawhorne	Elizabeth Wydrzynski
Miora Owens	



## First Reconciliation Class

### 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

There will be no meeting for March. The April meeting date and time will be announced shortly. Check out the new resource center located on the shelf below the activity bulletin board in the Narthex. Paper copies are free to take. Books are available to sign out. Contact: Nadine Blair, at 484 -368-7989 or nadineann@comcast.net



**Tuesday, May 23, 2023**

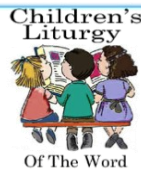
Join us for a fun-filled day as we travel to Sight & Sound to see Moses and have a great family style lunch prior to the show at Hometown Kitchen.

**Cost: \$143.00 per person**

- ♦ Includes round trip via Perkiomen tours-52 passenger bus
  - ♦ Lunch at Hometown Kitchen
  - ♦ Ticket to the show
- 10:30 am - leave St. Gabriel Church  
11:45 am - Lunch at Hometown Kitchen  
3:00 pm - Moses at Sight & Sound  
7:00 pm - Return to St. Gabriel Church

**Reservation must be made and paid in full by April 11, 2023**

**Contact: kbernhard@sgsm62.org  
(610)326-5127**



### 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.

### The Family Ministry Group:

**Family Ministry Group: Creating fellowship for families with young children as we teach our children the Catholic faith!**



**Save the Date: Our next group brunch will be Sunday April 16th in Quinn Hall after the 10 AM Mass. RSVP to Sarah Sullivan at SSullivan4916@outlook.com.**

This summer, Pope John Paul II High School is excited to host 17 summer camps for students entering grades K-9. Sessions include: fine arts, drama, archery, cheer, volleyball, basketball, tennis, baseball, field hockey, football, soccer, and multi-sport. To view more details about our camps and register for a session, please visit [www.pjphs.org/apps/pages/summercamps](http://www.pjphs.org/apps/pages/summercamps).



We look forward to seeing you at PJP this summer!

### LAOH (Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians)

- Our next meeting will be Monday May 1st at 7pm in the LAOH room.
- Our Mother's Day collection for Mary's Shelter will be from May 6th until May 14th. Please consider dropping off clothing and other baby items to the Narthex. These items will be donated to women and children in need.
- Thank you to all those who purchased our Irish potatoes and scones! We hope you enjoyed them!
- 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!



*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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



*Come and spend an hour with the risen Lord.*

When, in adoration, we look at the consecrated Host, the sign of creation speaks to us. And so, we encounter the greatness of his gift; but we also encounter the Passion, the Cross of Jesus and his Resurrection. Through this gaze of adoration, he draws us toward himself, within his mystery, through which he wants to transform us as he transformed the Host.

Pope Benedict XVI

#### Eucharistic Adoration times available:

- ♦ Wednesday: 3 pm, 7 pm
- ♦ Thursday: 3 pm, 10 pm

Call Mariane in the Parish office to sign up for an hour. 610-367-2371 or email [marianevf@stcolumbkill.org](mailto:marianevf@stcolumbkill.org)



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

**Project Rachel & Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Programs :** Project Rachel is a 10 week free postabortive 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)

#### St. Columbkil Children's Choir

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](mailto:carolynsings4@gmail.com).



Everyone is invited to pray the rosary every Saturday, at 9:00 am! **\*\*New time\*\*** From the Zoom app enter the Meeting ID: 488 598 630 and password: Rosary -Zoom app.

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

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

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

Bishop Kenrick High School Class of 1963 is looking for classmates! Anyone interested in planning or attending the 60 yr reunion, please forward your contact information to; Sallyanne Hanlon Reidenhour - [shr0545@comcast.net](mailto:shr0545@comcast.net) or the Alumni Office at PJP - [heritage@pjphs.org](mailto:heritage@pjphs.org)



#### 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.

#### 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.



#### Music Notes

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



**Adult Choir** - It is wonderful to be back singing at Mass! With the change in the Mass schedule, the adult choir will be singing the 2nd & 4th Sundays at the 10am Mass. 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](mailto: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](mailto:debm@stcolumbkill.org) with questions or more information.

**Children's choir** has begun! If you have any questions, contact Carolyn at

[carolynsings4@gmail.com](mailto:carolynsings4@gmail.com)

**Keyboard/Pianists** - start a ministry as an accompanist for one of the choirs mentioned here, or to play regularly at Mass. Put those lessons to work for you! Contact Deb



### 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](mailto:k_piano99@yahoo.com).



## SENIOR CITIZENS OF OUR PARISH

You are invited to be a member of our group here at St. Columbkille 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. Columbkille

"Senior Connection" is!!

(Participation is limited to St. Columbkille Parishioners)

Contact: Ginny S. at 484-802-3916

*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  
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



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.svdpsa.org/Assistance-Services>



**Flame of Love Prayer Cenacle at St. Columbkille** on Monday morning following the 9 am Mass. Please join us in the EHST room (located in the basement) at 9:30 am. The prayer centers around saving all souls in the world for Jesus and His earthly mission. The Blessed Mother helps us to intercede with Jesus in the redemption of all peoples, even the most hardened sinners. Please join us for this very important Mission of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. For more information contact Michelle White: [mwhitehfn@gmail.com](mailto:mwhitehfn@gmail.com).

**Medjugorje Prayer Group:** Our Lady still calls us to prayer and right now the world needs our prayer more than ever!! Sue Fryer and Megan Repko are leading a Medjugorje prayer group. The purpose of this group 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](mailto:meganrepko@gmail.com) or Sue Fryer ([sspence4@comcast.net](mailto:sspence4@comcast.net)) if you are interested so that we know to expect you!

**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.

### 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](mailto:Don-dondenick@comcast.net).

**Overeaters Anonymous** (OA) is a 12 step program to help our members stop eating compulsively. This program has helped many recover physically, emotionally and spiritually. If you think you may be a compulsive eater try the OA program. We meet at noon on Mondays in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton room.



## 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: \$60

**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 a \$25 offering. The intention for these funds is to pay for Liturgical supplies: vestments, altar cloths and the like.

### Divine Mercy Retreat:

Sunday, April 16th

St. Benedict's Church

1-2pm Adoration & Confessions

2-2:45PM: Conference Talk

3PM: Divine Mercy Chaplet

Healing Service

Father Pio Mandata, FMHJ



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](mailto:lorrhendricks@yahoo.com)

For All Details & to Book, visit:

Our Lady of Lourdes, The Grotto, Lourdes

### 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 Fratone at (484)300-1808 with questions or for more details.



**ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET**  
Benefitting Lifeline of Berks County  
pregnancy resource center

*With featured speaker Abby Johnson!*

**TUES. MAY 23, 2023 | DOORS OPEN AT 6PM**  
The DoubleTree | RSVP by April 23rd

Individual and group tickets are available for purchase. Please visit our website for registration information. For sponsorship opportunities please contact Stephanie at 610-374-8545 x 207. We can't wait to see you!

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**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](http://FaithHopeCharityGives.org).

**Parish Service Scholarship:** The St. Columbkille Knights of Columbus Council will once again provide a graduating high school senior with a \$1,500 Parish Service Scholarship. Any graduating high

school senior who is planning to attend any type of post-secondary schooling is encouraged to apply for the scholarship. Applications will be available beginning April 16th on the parish website, and in the office with a submission deadline of May 7, 2023.



**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. Fellow parishioner, 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) Contact Kevin Martin 610-310-7077 / [kmartinofs@gmail.com](mailto:kmartinofs@gmail.com) or Peg Choinski at 610-845-9272

**Birthright of Pottstown** is a pregnancy care center serving young women and their babies in the Pottstown area for over 40 years. We provide free pregnancy tests, support, and friendship to women who think they may be pregnant. In addition, we have maternity clothes and baby items to support moms in need. Do you have a couple hours each week to spare, helping women and babies? Please consider becoming a Birthright volunteer! Training is available for the many different roles our volunteers fill; we can work with your schedule! Please call or email Birthright for more information. 610-327-2626 or [birthrightpottstown@gmail.com](mailto:birthrightpottstown@gmail.com)

## Diocesan Safe Environment Clearance Changes

The Diocese has updated the following policies regarding:

► Code of Conduct and Alleged Sexual Abuse.

A new policy has been created:

► Social Media Electronic Communications.

**ALL** Volunteers need to sign off on these three policies, even if you have signed off on them before 12/2022. **Hard copies of these policies and the signature pages are available in the office and on the Parish website under the Clearance tab.**

**Contact:** Liza Mendez, Local Safe Environment Coordinator  
lizam@stcolumbkil.org | 610-367-2371 ext. 106



### Volunteers having contact with children:

The National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR) application is now required. This must be completed and mailed or scanned to the address listed on the application. (Select box 4—"Volunteer of a childcare provider, group day care home or family childcare home.") Within two weeks of submitting the application, you should receive a letter confirming the verification. Please email or drop off a copy of the confirmation letter to Liza at the office.

Thank you for your service to our parish family!



Here at St. Columbkil, 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](mailto:emkovach@outlook.com) for more information.

Saint Aloysius is in search of a Maintenance Director. If you are interested in applying for the position please email your resume and letter of interest to [Remick@saintalloysius.net](mailto:Remick@saintalloysius.net).

\*Clearances are required. If the position is offered, the candidate will be required to complete the "Protecting God's Children" training through the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Bishop Kenrick High School Class of 1963 is looking for classmates! Anyone interested in planning or attending the 60 yr reunion, please forward your contact information to; Sallyanne Hanlon Reidenhour - [shro545@comcast.net](mailto:shro545@comcast.net) or the Alumni Office at PJP - [heritage@pjphs.org](mailto:heritage@pjphs.org)



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

