

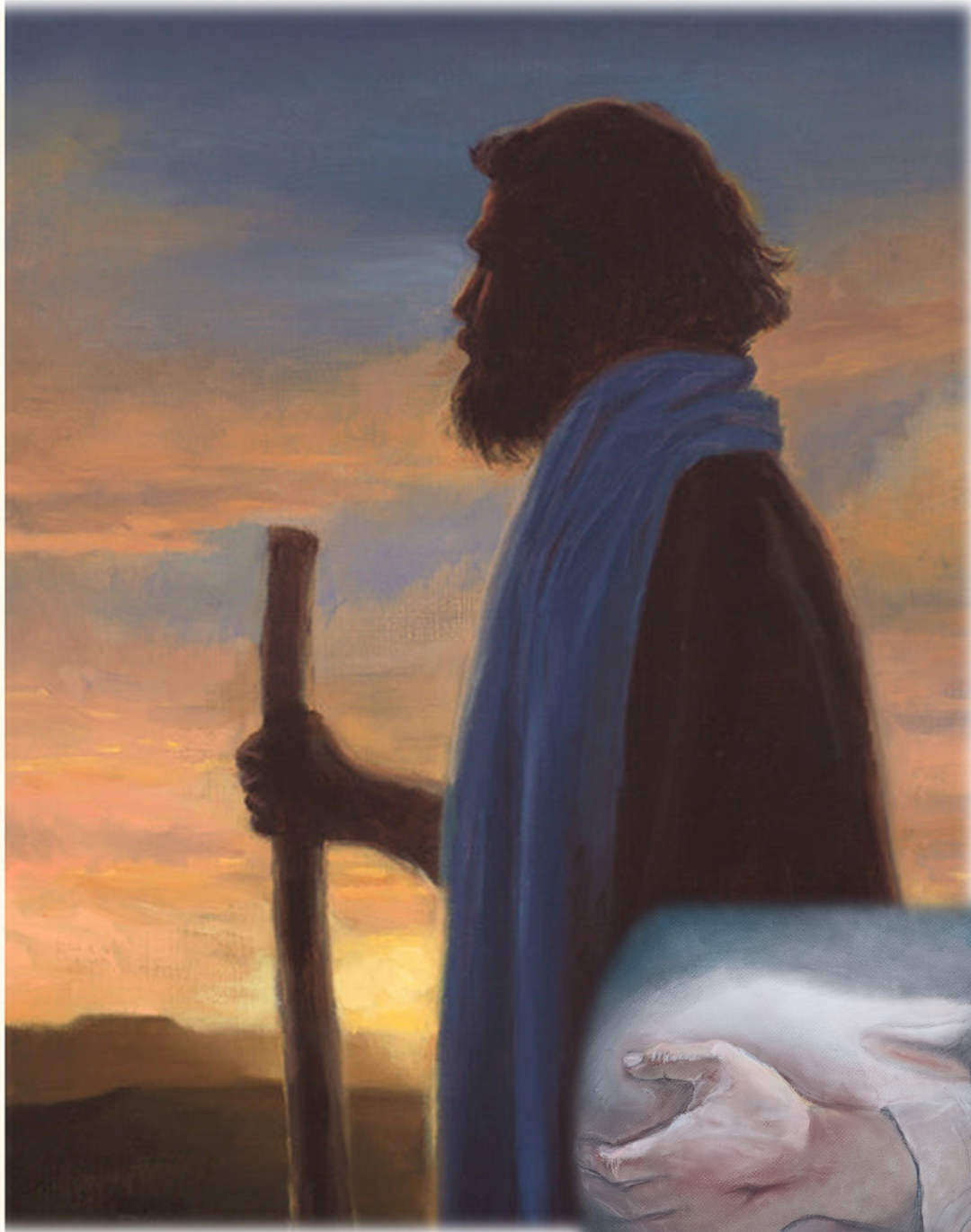


# ST. COLUMBKILL PARISH

200 INDIAN SPRING RD., BOYERTOWN, PA 19512

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30 APRIL 2023 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF 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: dcnojopet2015@stcolumbkille.org

### Parish Staff

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

**R.C.I.A. Coordinator:** Margaret Chovanes  
margaretc@stcolumbkille.org 610-248-2171

**Director of Youth Ministry:** Heather Shainline,  
youthgroup@stcolumbkille.org

**Quinn Hall Coordinator:** Pat Petruskas, 484-941-2467  
pattyp@stcolumbkille.org

#### **Chief Financial Officer**

Gayle B. Fontaine ~ 610-367-2371 ext. 105  
gaylef@stcolumbkille.org

#### **Office Manager:**

Mariane Fragment - marianevf@stcolumbkille.org

**Bulletin submissions:** bulletin@stcolumbkille.org

**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. MAY 1: EASTER WEEKDAY/ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER**

9:00 AM MaryLou

**TUE. MAY 2: EASTER WEEKDAY/ST. ATHANASIUS**

7:00 PM Allan & Ann Reid

**WEDS. MAY 3: EASTER WEEKDAY/ SS PHILIP & JAMES**

9:00 AM Frank Bregovi

**THU. MAY 4: EASTER WEEKDAY**

7:00 PM Lee Miller

**FRI. MAY 5: EASTER WEEKDAY**

9:00 AM Fern Schmehl



**SAT. MAY 6: VIGIL-FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00 PM Roland Eric Roberge

**SUN. MAY 7: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00 AM Antigona Pjetri

10:00 AM Anna Curley

## Today's Readings

**Reading I: Acts 2: 14a, 36-41**

After proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Christ, Peter calls for his audience to repent and be baptized. Their question is answered. The number 3,000 converts is historically implausible, but gets used to show the success of the Pentecost mission as wrought by the Holy Spirit.

**Reading II: I Peter 2: 20b-25**

The author (not St. Peter himself) includes an early Christian hymn which stresses that Jesus' wounds heal us and bring us to the true shepherd.

**The Gospel: John 10: 1-10**

Jesus claims to be both the gate and the shepherd of the true flock. His parable is meant to reveal who He is. The term "good" here means "an ideal or model."

## Celebrant Schedule

**May 6/7 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**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 Honor of Charlene & Tony Wysocki on the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary*

The Bread & Wine are offered  
*In Honor of Charlene & Tony Wysocki on the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary*



The Flower arrangements are  
*In Honor of Charlene & Tony Wysocki on the occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary*

*Because we are Catholic*

Save the Date: Tuesday, May 9th  
7 PM Mass  
Bishop Schlert will celebrate Mass at  
St. Columbkil with Berks Deanery as part of  
the *Because we are Catholic Campaign*.  
(followed by light refreshments)  
*We hope to see you there!*

## Weekday Readings

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

## 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 May 1	Tuesday May 2	Wednesday May 3	Thursday May 4	Friday May 5	Saturday May 6	Sunday May 7
<b>9 am Mass</b>  9:30am Flame of Love 12noon OA  5:30 pm AA 6:30pm Girl Scouts 6pm LAOH 7pm Emmanuel 7pm Scouts 7pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Rosary Group	5:45pm Men's Prayer gr 6:45pm AlAnon  <b>7 pm Mass</b>	<b>9am Mass</b>  5pm SFA Enrollment mtg.  6:30pm Follow Christ 7pm Charismatic Prayer Group 7pm Human Concerns	9:30 am Bible Study   <b>7 PM Mass</b>	<b>9 am Mass</b>	9 am Patriotic Rosary Rosary for Vocations Children's Rosary-Zoom  11am Knights in the A.M.  3pm Medjugorje Prayer Mtg.  4 pm Confessions <b>5 pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>8 am-Mass</b> <b>10 am—Mass</b> (Hearing Impaired)  9am Choir practice 9:15am Sunday Rosary  Knights of Columbus Breakfast after Mass





*The Friel Family  
The Gadomski Family  
The Kinn Family  
The LaFata Family  
The Reppert Family  
The Sprys & Buckley Family*

### Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn Child

**April 30 - Week 14 -** I am now about 3 ½ inches long and weight about 2 ounces. Today the doctor asked my mom if she was going to continue her pregnancy. I can't believe someone is even asking a question like that. I wish I could tell them how cute I am and how much joy I will bring to my family – whoever that may be. Right now I need to ask you to also pray for the doctor so that others are not asked that same question in the future.



*"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."*

**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.**

**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 Petruskas*

**Serran Prayer for Vocations** O God, who wills not the death of a 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.

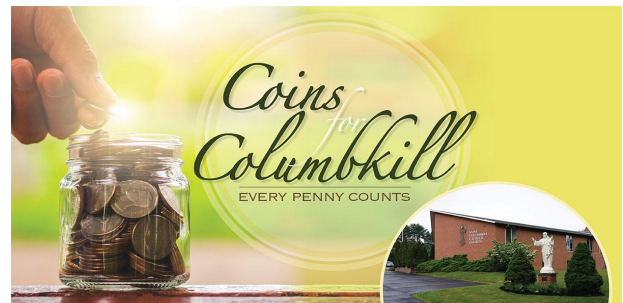
### Stewardship

FY 22-23 Fiscal Year - Income/Expense Report	
July 2022 through March 2023-3rd Qtr.	
Total Operating Income	\$636,177.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$583,311.00
Net Operating Excess / (Loss)	52,866.00
- MONTHLY COLLECTION	
Fiscal Year July 2022 to June 2023	
Month: February 2023	
Last Feb. 2022 (4 weeks)	This Feb. 2023 (4 weeks)
\$49,986.75	\$48,357.25
Includes Online: \$21,299.75	Includes Online: \$19,933.75

**Many thanks for your generous Easter donations!**

Holy Thursday: \$1,709 | Holy Land: \$2,046

Easter 2023: \$17,243 | Easter Flowers: \$2,232



**Coins for Columbkill benefits our Building Fund for future capital needs of the parish. Total collected to date is \$2,185.15!**

### 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 [raiserightcoord@stcolumbkille.org](mailto:raiserightcoord@stcolumbkille.org) with any questions.



**RaiseRight**

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



**Next Youth Group meeting:** Sunday, May 21st from 11-1pm. We will be having a pot-luck style luncheon. All 6th-12th graders and their families are invited to attend! We will be celebrating our graduating seniors. If you plan to attend, please let Heather know!

**Salsa/Flower Sales:** Thank you for your salsa and Easter flower orders! If you did not get your salsa order, please pick it up in the Knights/LAOH room. There are also extra jars of salsa for sale. Just contact Heather Shainline and we will make sure to fix your salsa craving!

**Coming up... WONDER Retreat** (young women's retreat) Saturday, May 27th | Location: Lake Nockamixon Stay tuned for more information to sign up!

**Catholic Heart Workcamp Mission Trip** | Dates: June 11th-16th Location: Steubenville, OH Cost: \$425.00 per person- includes room and board A \$100 deposit is due by May 7th. If 5 or more teens sign up, we will go. If 5 or more teens don't sign up, we will cancel the trip and do a "Helping at Home" week here in Boyertown. If you need financial assistance, please speak with Heather.

**Steubenville Youth Conference** | July 7th-July 9th Location: Steubenville Main campus- Steubenville, OH Cost: \$250.00 per person- includes a tshirt, room and board A \$50 deposit is due by May 7th. If 5 or more teens don't sign up, we will cancel the trip. If you need financial assistance, please speak with Heather.

## Religious Education—PREP Denise Stull, Director

Our last class was spent together with a closing prayer service. Three of our parish musicians, Chris Roberge, Carolynn Quinn and Rob Zambanini, led us in songs to honor Mary. Perfect attendance was recognized. We ended each session making flowers to be placed at the statue of Mary and refreshments.

Thank you to our dedicated catechists and parents for a rewarding year.

**First Communion reminders:** practice is Monday, May 8 at 6pm in church. Confessions for the children will begin half an hour before practice. First Communion is Saturday, May 13th at 10a.m.

## Vacation Bible School

**Time to Register for VBS 2023  
Marvelous Mystery!**

**June 26-30**



## Saint Francis Classical Catholic Academy Enrollment Workshop

On Wednesday, May 3rd from 5:00-7:00pm, Headmaster Dr. Richard Brake from Saint Francis Classical in Bally will be at St. Columbkille in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton conference room to conduct an Enrollment Workshop for Prospective families with children PreK-8th Grade. Come learn more about their all-day PreK and Kindergarten, Catholic Liberal Arts curriculum and faith formation, CYO Athletics, and After-Care program. Any questions? Check out their new website SFCCA.SCHOOL, or contact Dr. Brake at headmaster@mbsbally.org or 610-845-7364.



## 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**

**catholicgrandparentsassociation.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@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.



## 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.





## Knights Corner

### Knights of Columbus Breakfast

Our Monthly Breakfast is the **FIRST** Sunday of the month, from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm.  
Our May Breakfast will be our final one until the Fall.  
For Updates check-out the Knight's web site or the Knight's Corner in the Bulletin.



**Our next Breakfast is on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**



### K of C Scholarship

The St. Columbkil 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 are now available on our website, in the Parish bulletin or scan the QR code in the bottom right of this announcement.  
Submission deadline is **May 7, 2023**.

More info to come in the Knight's Corner or our web site.



<http://kofc16544.org>

### K of C Scholarship Fundraiser

### Knights of Columbus Chicken Parmesan Take-Out Dinner

Chicken Parmesan, Spaghetti, Salad & Roll

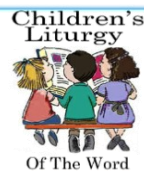


**Tickets are \$20**  
**Order by Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

Pick-Up is May 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-6:30pm

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. Columbkil Knight or visit our website: <https://kofc16544.org>

**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**



### 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:

Creating fellowship for families with young children as we teach our children the Catholic faith!



**Rescheduled Brunch:** Our next group brunch will be Sunday May 21st in Quinn Hall after the 10 AM Mass. RSVP to Sarah Sullivan at [SSullivan4916@outlook.com](mailto: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.
- Want to know more about LAOH and who we are? Please contact Kathy Varady, Berks Division 2 President, at [kvarady2@gmail.com](mailto: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. Columbkille 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 - her-



#### 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).



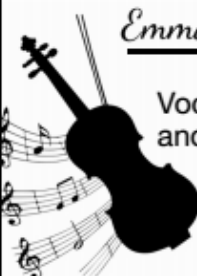
**Adult Choir** - It is wonderful to be back singing at Mass! With the change in the Mass schedule, the adult choir will be singing the 2nd & 4th Sundays at the 10am Mass. Our practice schedule will continue to be Sunday mornings, starting at 9am in the Ehst room. For more information contact Deb Maskrey 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  
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End Poverty Through Systemic Change

(Poor box located in the Narthex ~ helping those in need in our local community)

Find out more about us:

<http://www.svdpusa.org/Assistance-Services>



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

**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.

## Human Concerns

We, the Human Concerns Ministry, will be at our table filled with Mother's Day Cards and petitions. Come and honor/memorialize your mother in the sharing of all Masses on Mother's Day weekend. The petitions, and your mother's name will be placed on the altar. All donations accepted.



The Human Concerns Ministry will be selling carnations after all the Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 13/14, to benefit Lifeline of Berks County. Lifeline offers free and confidential services to help women with unplanned pregnancies choose life. Beautiful carnations may be purchased for \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. Thank you for your support!





## 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.

### 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.



Join Lorraine's Group on a Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Paris & Nevers - July 22-31, \$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:

[www.pilgrimages.com/lorraine](http://www.pilgrimages.com/lorraine)

### 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

**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!

[lifelineofberks.org](http://lifelineofberks.org) | 610-374-8545 | @lifelineofberkscounty



With featured speaker  
**Abby Johnson!**



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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. Columbkil 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. Application available on Knights website or in the parish office.



**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 [birthrightpotts-](http://birthrightpotts-)

## 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

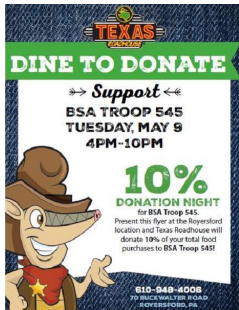
### Volunteers having contact with children:

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!

## Parish Organizations/Ministry Contacts

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**PLEASE JOIN US for a TASTY MEAL and SUPPORT OUR BOY SCOUTS!!!**

**Note – Please present this picture at the restaurant to ensure that your purchase counts toward our fundraiser. Where: Texas Roadhouse (70 Buckwalter Road, Royersford, PA)**

**When: Tuesday, May 9th from 4:00 to 10:00 PM** The Scouts BSA program is for boys in sixth grade and beyond (up to age 18). The Cub Scouting program is for girls and boys in kindergarten through fifth grade. If you have any questions about this fundraiser, or any of these Scouting programs at St. Columbkil, please contact New Member Coordinator, Eugene Kovach, via email at [emkovach@outlook.com](mailto:emkovach@outlook.com). We look forward to hearing from you!

**PLEASE JOIN US for a COOL TREAT and SUPPORT OUR CUB PACK!!!**

**Where: Rita's Ice (309 E Philadelphia Avenue, Boyertown, PA)**

**When: Monday, May 1st from 6:00 to 9:00 PM**

The Cub Scouting program is for girls and boys in kindergarten through fifth grade. For boys in sixth grade and beyond, we have our Scouts BSA unit, Troop 545. If you have any questions about this fundraiser, or any of these Scouting programs at St. Columbkil, please contact New Member Coordinator, Eugene Kovach, via email at [emkovach@outlook.com](mailto:emkovach@outlook.com). We look forward to hearing from you!



**Pack 545**



**Rita's Fundraiser**

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